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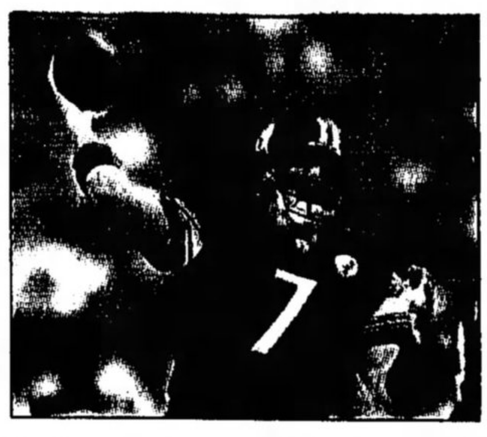

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Table game tax gamble

If the rate is too high, casinos might do without poker, blackjack and dice.

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HARRISBURG – The potential for thousands of new jobs in Pennsylvania rides on the tax rate set by lawmakers as they consider allowing casinos to run table games.

The minimum state tax rate on games such as blackjack, poker and dice needs to be 16 percent to produce enough revenue to help balance the state budget, Gov. Ed Rendell said Monday. But setting the rate too high could "kill the golden goose" and discourage casinos, he said.

"If the tax rate and fees are too expensive, we simply won't be able to install them," said David LaTorre, a spokesman for the Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Washington County. "Table games are more labor-intensive. We employ about 1,000 people for 3,700 slot machines, but we'll need to hire about 700 people and add millions more in payroll for just 65 tables."

It would be "unfortunate" if the tax rate on revenue is too high "because we can create a lot of jobs in a bad economy," LaTorre said. "No other industry could say the same right now."

Rendell said he would veto a Senate-approved bill to legalize table games at casinos because the 12 percent tax rate in the legislation is too low. He urged legislative leaders to reach an agreement on a rate by week's end.

"All sides agree that a $15 million license fee for casinos to

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Szakal new trial claims rebutted

The district attorney's office said a juror cannot testify about secret deliberations.

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State law precludes a juror from testifying about anything that occurred behind closed doors during deliberations, the Washington County District Attorney's office said in a court document filed Friday.

That claim was made in the prosecution's response to a defense motion seeking a new trial for Gerald Szakal.

"Based on the applicable laws, we're asking the judge to not only deny the motion, but deny a hearing on the motion," Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani said.

Toprani said he expects a decision "in short order."

Szakal was convicted of second-degree murder and other counts Oct. 1 for the March 4, 2008, robbery and and fatal shootings of retired Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer and his wife, Nancy, in their 1241 Highland Road, Carroll Township home.

Juror Everett Miller contended in an affidavit filed a week later that he was "coerced" by fellow jurors into convicting Szakal.

The prosecution contended Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township house and sold them to the Springers, who operated a precious metals business out of their home. The prosecution contended Szakal murdered them because their business logs could have proved he committed the thefts.

Defense attorney Noah Geary filed a motion seeking to have the verdict set aside and that Gerald Szakal receive a new trial.

In the motion filed in Washington County Common Pleas Court, Geary claimed Miller telephoned his office the morning after the verdict was handed down, claiming he "felt forced and coerced into voting guilty on the second–degree murder counts and that he had repeatedly told the other jurors that he was voting not guilty on these counts." Miller also told Geary that "at least two other jurors were firm that the defendant was not guilty of second-degree murder."

Within an hour of the start of deliberations, the jury asked O'Dell Seneca to give them a copy of the definitions of first-, second- and third-degree murder. The judge said she was not permitted to give them those definitions in writing. The following day, she re-read the definitions.

Geary's motion claims Miller telephoned his daughter during deliberations asking her to go on the Internet and read him those definitions.

In his motion, Geary

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Mark Hofmann/For The Valley Independent

Promoting Scaryopolis II are organizers, from left, Elma Sokol, Rochelle Baluch, Patty D'Isidoro and Norene Halvonik.

Scaryopolis II part of big Halloween in Perryopolis

The Parks and Recreation Authority is planning a family friendly event.

By MARK HOFMANN
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PERRYOPOLIS – Ghosts and ghouls and other surprises will haunt Sampey Park on Halloween night.

"It went well last year," said Norene Halvonik, of the Perryopolis Parks and Recreation Authority, which is sponsoring the haunted event.

Halvonik said Scaryopolis was a major fundraiser for the authority last year. Nearly 300 people attended.

"I hope we do as well this year," she said.

Along with Halvonik, organizers are Rochelle Baluch, Patty D'Isidoro and Elma Sokol.

Organizers said this year's Scaryopolis will have more space and additional attractions.

"We have a new scare – a big one," Baluch said.

The frightening scenes this year will incorporate local history as well as locals to scare and shock audiences, but Baluch wants to stress that Scaryopolis is a family friendly event without excessive gore and guts.

While more of the park is being utilized, organizers said there won't be a dance this year. There is enough help to fill the empty spaces. So far, more than 30 actors have agreed to help.

"We have a lot of volunteers from the high school and the middle school," Halvonik said.

Baluch said organizers want area young people to volunteer and take part in Scaryopolis because they're the ones who eventually will take charge and keep the event going.

Along with the return of popular hay ride and bon fire, Baluch said there will be a ghost story, fortune teller, and creepy cuisine – just to name a few.

> "We have a lot of volunteers from the high school and the middle school."
>
> NORENE HALVONIK

Organizers are planning Scaryopolis II to coincide with the borough's trick-or-treat event and parade.

"It's going to be a big Halloween in Perryopolis," Halvonik said.

Scaryopolis II will take place from 7 to 11 p.m. Oct. 31.

Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for students.

For information, call (724) 736-2133.

Criminal steals election (signs)

Someone put more than 50 campaign placards in a Washington Township yard.

By JEFF OLIVER
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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP – There was no large political rally taking place in the 200 block of Center Street the morning of Oct. 16.

Residents in that area might have thought otherwise.

That's because in one yard, someone had placed more than 50 political signs related to the upcoming Nov. 3 election.

But it wasn't a rally, just a case of mass theft of signs and a bit of criminal mischief.

Police Superintendent Ray Moody said the signs were taken from various places in the township, Belle Vernon, and Rostraver Township – and then placed in the yard.

"Whoever it was, they pretty much took every sign they saw," Moody said. "It wasn't specific signs. They were all taken."

The political signs taken were for various candidates running in local, county and state races.

The stolen signs are from the campaigns of Ernest DeHaas, Mary Yonash, Megan Bilik DeFazio, Patrick Egros, Dale Patterson, Linda Judson, Robert Colville, Christina O'Brien, Michele Bononi, Diane Roberts, Chris Scherer, Arnold Dull, James Schoaf and Barbara Ernsberger.

Moody would not reveal the name of the person in whose yard the signs were placed, but said it appears the yard was randomly selected.

"He had no idea who would do this or why, so I think it was just the yard that was picked," Moody said of the homeowner. "The signs weren't laying there. They were all placed in the ground.

"He just walked outside and saw them in his yard."

Moody said his department has been trying to contact the owners of the stolen signs, adding many of the placards have already been claimed.

"We still have a few to get rid of," he said.

Moody said the investigation is continuing and, if caught, the perpetrators would be charged with multiple offenses, including theft.

He added that police will be watching to make sure there are no repeated incidents involving the removal of political signs

VALLEY PEOPLE

School board contests dot election ballot

Ringgold, Charleroi Area and Belle Vernon Area have races.

By The Valley Independent

Voters living in three area school districts will decide contested school board races, each featuring one more candidate than seats available.

Election Day will be Nov. 3.

In the Belle Vernon Area race for four at-large seats, incumbents Dale K. Patterson, the current president; Aaron J. Bialon, the board vice president; and director Deborah Puglia will face former board member Edward C. Naylor and newcomer Joe Grata.

Bialon is on the Democratic ticket. Puglia won the GOP nod. Patterson, Grata and Naylor won both party nominations.

In the Charleroi Area School District, voters are being asked to choose four directors from among four incumbents and one newcomer.

Board president Kenneth J. Wiltz as well as incumbent directors Patricia Laskey Brinker, James E. Short and Rosalie Carroll are on the ballot as well as the lone newcomer, Gregg Anders.

Short is on the Republican ticket while Carroll won the Republican nod. Wiltz, Laskey Brinker and Anders won both party nominations.

In the Ringgold School District, four incumbents are battling for three at-large seats.

The candidates are William C. Stein Jr. and Christopher D. Carroll, who won both party nominations, as well as Mariann L. Bulko, who earned the Democratic nod, and Republican nominee Charles Smith.

Sestak seeks details about gay hazing case

The congressman is a former three-star admiral.

By The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) – A congressman has asked the Navy for a timeframe on when he can expect to receive details about a review into a 2007 investigation into hazing and sexual harassment at a military dog unit in Bahrain.

Rep. Joe Sestak, a former three-star admiral, wants to know what actions were taken after the 2007 investigation and what will be done as a result of a review of those actions that the Navy ordered last month.

Sestak, D-Pa., made the request Monday after receiving a letter from Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, who wrote in an Oct. 16 letter that he will discuss the results of the review with the Chief of Naval Operations.

The 2007 investigation found more than 90 examples of hazing and sexual harassment of sailors between 2005 and 2006, including abuse of a gay sailor.

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Yesteryear

It was a family affair when Roger Rossi, of Dunlevy, was inducted into the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on Sunday, May 6, 1973, during the organization's annual banquet at the Holiday Inn in Green Tree. Representing one of the region's top soccer families were, from left, Tom Rossi, Rena Santavicca, Ralph "Beef" Rossi, Roger Rossi, Ronald Rossi and Ramo Rossi. Santavicca, sister of the Rossi brothers, was married to Sigi Santavicca, another outstanding soccer player.

Weather

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Scientist faces espionage claims

Federal officials claim he tried to sell secrets to an undercover FBI agent

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Federal prosecutors say a scientist who worked on the cutting edge of moon exploration has been caught trying to sell classified secrets to an FBI agent posing as an Israeli intelligence agent.

Stewart David Nozette, who is credited with helping discover evidence of water on the moon and has been a leader in recent lunar exploration work, was arrested Monday and charged in a criminal complaint with attempting to communicate, deliver and transmit classified information, the Justice Department said.

Nozette, 52, of Chevy Chase, Md., was expected to make his initial appearance in federal court in Washington on Tuesday. Law enforcement officials said Nozette did not immediately have a lawyer.

Nozette worked in various jobs for the Energy Department and NASA. In 1989 and 1990, he worked for the White House's National Space Council.

He developed the Clementine bistatic radar experiment that is credited with discovering water on the south pole of the moon. He also worked at the Energy Department's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he designed highly advanced technology, from approximately 1990 to 1999.

At Energy, Nozette held a special security clearance equivalent to the Defense Department's top secret and "critical nuclear weapon design information" clearances. DOE clearances apply to access to information specifically relating to atomic or nuclear-related materials.

Nozette also held top offices at the Alliance for Competitive Technology, a nonprofit corporation that he organized. From January 2000 through February 2006, Nozette, through his company, had several agreements to develop advanced technology for the U.S. government.

To build a case against Nozette, FBI agents posed as officers of the Israeli intelligence service Mossad, and the criminal complaint suggests why they thought their suspect would take the bait.

From 1998 to 2008, the complaint alleges, Nozette was a technical adviser for a consultant company that was wholly owned by the Israeli government. Nozette was paid about $225,000 over that period, the court papers say.

Then, in January of this year, Nozette allegedly traveled to another foreign country with two computer thumb drives and apparently did not return with them.

Prosecutors also quote an unnamed colleague of Nozette who said the scientist said that if the U.S. government ever tried to put him in jail for an unrelated criminal offense, he would go to Israel or another foreign country and "tell them everything" he knows.

The complaint does not allege that the government of Israel or anyone acting on its behalf violated U.S. law. In Jerusalem, Israeli government officials had no immediate comment.

The affidavit by FBI agent Leslie Martell said that on Sept. 3, Nozette received a telephone call from an individual purporting to be an Israeli intelligence officer, but who was actually an undercover FBI agent.

Nozette agreed to meet with the agent later that day at a hotel in Washington and in the subsequent meeting the two discussed Nozette's willingness to work for Israeli intelligence, the affidavit said.

Szakal (FROM PAGE ONE)

contended that remarks made by Assistant District Attorney Craig McKay could be misconstrued to suggest some of the burden of proof was on the defense. Specifically, McKay told the jury that the defense failed to call certain witnesses and test certain evidence.

O'Dell denied Geary's request for a mistrial at the time, but did caution the jury to disregard those statements by McKay.

In his affidavit, Miller claimed jurors "kept talking about why the defendant did not investigate or test certain evidence like the floor mats, or door handle of the truck."

Miller claims his verdict was "against his conscience." He saw Geary on the streets immediately after the jury was discharged and wanted to stop him and tell him he was coerced. Miller said he could not sleep that night.

The motion seeks a new trial because during jury selection a prospective juror told others in the courtroom he felt Szakal was guilty; and witness Dennis Hawkins allegedly stood on the courtroom steps during the trial and told jurors Szakal was guilty.

In his affidavit, also filed last week, Miller claims he twice wrote notes that he wanted to be passed to the judge, but was prevented from doing so by other jurors. He said his fellow jurors told him they had to unanimously agree to send notes to the judge.

Table game (FROM PAGE ONE)

add table games is appropriate, but there will be more meetings held soon on the tax rate," said Bob Caton, a spokesman for House Speaker Keith McCall, D-Carbon County.

Also hanging in the balance is more than $700 million in appropriations, including state funding for the University of Pittsburgh, Penn State, Temple and Lincoln universities. The House held back the state-related university appropriations because of the hole in the budget without table games.

Lawmakers are counting on at least $200 million from table games license fees and taxes to balance the state budget signed into law Oct. 9.

"The delay in the commonwealth appropriation is a problem," said John Fedele, associate director of news for Pitt's public affairs office. "We are trying to be patient, but the delay does impose real hardships on the university and its students."

House Democrats have proposed a 34 percent tax rate on table games, though Rep. Florindo Fabrizio, D-Erie, sponsor of that amendment, conceded the rate was negotiable.

Legislative negotiators met for about two hours behind closed doors yesterday on proposed legislation to legalize table games.

"It's in nobody's best interest for this to drag on for weeks on end," said Johnna Pro, spokeswoman for House Appropriations Chairman Dwight Evans, D-Philadelphia, who attended the negotiating session.

Dan Fee, a spokesman for the Rivers Casino on the North Side, said "hundreds of jobs" could be created there by adding table games.

"We're certainly interested in obtaining a table games license if it's an appropriate fit for us," Fee said.

"We've been working with legislators to let them know the impact certain provisions could have on that."

Erik Arneson, a spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware County, said "at least one additional meeting will be needed" and there were "no breakthroughs to report."

"The meeting helped us to narrow down the issues that are still unresolved," said Brett Marcy, press secretary for House Majority Leader Todd Eachus, D-Luzerne County.

The state keeps 55 cents of every dollar lost to a slot machine; the balance goes to the casino operator.

Valley briefs

State disciplines ex-EF teacher

The state has disciplined 31 educators, including a former area teacher, according to the Department of Education.

Brian Brosh, of Irwin, a former high school science teacher in the Elizabeth Forward School District, surrendered his certificate after he was convicted of corruption of minors.

Brosh was fired last fall in the wake of allegations that he had sex with a student in exchange for a higher grade.

Monessen cyclist sues over roads

A Monessen motorcyclist is seeking unspecified damages in a lawsuit claiming unsafe street conditions in Monessen caused an April 17 crash that threw him off his bike.

Joseph A. Martinez, 61, of 516 Chestnut St., claims in a civil lawsuit filed in Westmoreland County Court that city officials were aware of the deteriorating condition of Sixth Street at McKee Avenue for a lengthy time, but did nothing to fix it.

Martinez is seeking in excess of $50,000 from the municipality, according to court documents filed by his attorney, Herman Bigi, of Charleroi.

Martinez said he suffered a fractured left leg and ankle when he was thrown from his bike and onto the pavement after hitting a "deteriorated pavement joint." In the lawsuit, Martinez said some of his injuries are permanent and he will never be able to walk as well as he did before the accident.

The lawsuit contends Monessen is liable for damages "in knowing of said dangerous condition for a long period of time and taking no steps to correct it and make it safe for travel."

Attempts to reach city officials for comment were unsuccessful.

Ward to host town meeting

State Sen. Kim Ward, a Hempfield Republican, will host a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Fort Allen Fire Company in Hempfield.

In addition to taking questions from the public, Ward will brief residents on current events and initiatives in the state Legislature.

Jury being picked for murder retrial

Lawyers were continuing to pick a jury today in Washington County for the capital murder trial of the man accused of shooting two students from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.

Terrell Yarbrough, 28, of East Liberty, is accused in the 1999 slayings of Aaron Land, 20, of Evergreen, Colo., and Brian Muha, 18, of Westerville, Ohio. Testimony is expected to begin later in the week.

Yarbrough was convicted of murder and sentenced to death after a 2000 trial in Ohio but won a new trial after the Ohio Supreme Court determined the case should have been tried in Pennsylvania.

Travis Micjan, a 2005 graduate of Charleroi Area High School, is shown on duty with the Army in Iraq. Micjan represents the fourth generation of his family to serve his country.

Ex-area resident enjoys role as infantry soldier

Valley profiles

A weekly look at one of our neighbors

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Serving their country is a tradition in Travis Micjan's family and nowhere is this more prevalent than at the American Legion in Charleroi.

"On my mother's side of the family, I am the fourth generation to serve, and at the American Legion in Charleroi all four generations have our picture on the wall," said Micjan.

Travis Micjan grew up in the Mid-Mon Valley, living at times in Charleroi, Monessen Belle Vernon and Fayette City.

He joined the Army in 2005 one month after graduating from Charleroi Area High School.

Micjan received basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and was then assigned to Fort Lewis, Wash., with the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division.

The unit was then renamed as the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment and moved to Vilseck, Germany, in the summer of 2006.

He was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, returning to Germany in October 2008.

His best friend of 17 years, Chad Gibson, of Charleroi, has almost the same story, Micjan said.

They joined the Army three weeks apart, received basic training at the same location, went to the same duty stations, and were deployed to Iraq at the same time.

"Ironically, we were together through his entire time in service and we didn't plan that," Micjan said. "I just felt it was a good thing to do with my life. He joined and suggested it to me, saying it would be a good thing for me."

During basic training, the two friends got to visit once a week at church.

Although they were assigned to different locations in Iraq, they kept in touch via the Internet.

In October, both were redeployed to Germany.

"He would come over to my house quite frequently to visit me, my wife and our son - his godson - up until February, when he was released from the service after serving his time," Micjan said.

Micjan met his wife, Stefanie, in October 2006. They met in Weiden, Germany, not far from where he was stationed.

They were married on July 25, 2007. The couple has a son, Tyler Niklas, who was born in 2008.

Currently, Micjan is stationed in Germany. He hasn't been in the Mid-Mon Valley since Christmas 2008 and isn't sure when he will be heading here.

Micjan said his 15-month deployment in Iraq was rewarding, but hazardous.

"I'm an infantry soldier, so my duties mainly deal with the enemy but part of our mission was to ensure security and safety for the local citizens," he said.

"Most of the people we would deal with on a daily basis were nice, hospitable people," Micjan said.

"They truly wanted their neighborhoods to be safe for their children and would help us with what they could. Some, however, supported our enemies and would either give us bad information, not help us at all, or would give the enemy information.

"It's a very difficult war to fight due to the fact that you never know who your enemy is until they are shooting at you."

Micjan said the greatest danger for the soldiers is dealing with improvised explosive devices and explosively formed penetrators, used to penetrate armor.

"It is really devastating to our vehicles," Micjan said. "My platoon alone was hit seven times and it took out one vehicle three times. Every time we would get a replacement for that vehicle, it would get hit again."

Micjan said he is not sure whether he will make the Army a career.

"I really love being a soldier and enjoy my job," Micjan said. "My job is the one that really goes and fights the enemy. And the amount of pride I have for my family, country and self makes me want to stay, but only time will tell."

Vice president stumps for Specter in 'Burgh

Biden brings White House heft to incumbent senator's re-election campaign.

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Vice President Joe Biden campaigned in Pittsburgh on Monday for U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, saying Specter's key vote for the economic stimulus bill saved the country from a looming depression.

"I owe him. The country owes him. The country owes him because were it not for him, we would be in real trouble," Biden said during his keynote address at the Allegheny County Democratic Committee's annual Kennedy-Lawrence Dinner at Heinz Field.

His rival in the 2010 Democratic primary, U.S. Rep. Joe Sestak, of Chester County, disputed Biden's characterization in a statement sent to the *Tribune-Review*, a sister publication of *The Valley Independent*.

"The country never owes anyone for doing what they should do, particularly a public servant," Sestak said.

"If not for Arlen Specter's 2,000 votes with President Bush and the Republican leadership, that placed us in a savage recession, we would not have needed an economic stimulus bill."

Earlier in the evening, Biden attended a fundraiser for Specter on the opposite side of the Steelers stadium.

The event was expected to raise about $250,000. Tickets for the fundraiser were $500 apiece. Attendees of the dinner paid $175 a plate, or $1,500 for a 10-seat table. About 400 attended the dinner, and 175 were at the fundraiser.

Specter, who switched from the Republican to the Democratic party April 28, has reported a wide advantage over Sestak.

Specter said last week his campaign has about $8.7 million in the bank, compared with Sestak's $4.7 million.

Polls, however, show most people in the state don't believe Specter deserves re-election. He led Sestak 44 percent to 16 percent among Democrats in a Susquehanna Poll last week, but 45 percent of Democratic voters said they would vote for someone other than Specter.

Specter said he knew the stimulus vote would cost him politically among Republicans.

All but two Republicans in Congress voted against the $787 billion bill.

"I've cast 10,000 votes in the Senate, none as important as the vote on the stimulus package," Specter said during the dinner.

"When I cast that vote, I in effect joined the ... Obama team," Specter said.

Obama headlined a fundraiser for Specter on Sept. 15 in Philadelphia. Biden said Specter's vote in February showed the sort of political courage needed at an important time in the country's history.

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THE QUIZ

NEWSFACE:
I am an American cartoonist, screenwriter, and producer. I am best known for the award-winning animated show I created: "The Simpsons," which is celebrating its 20th year."The Simpsons" began as a series of short sketches on "The Tracey Ullman Show." It has won 10 Emmy awards and is the longest-running American sitcom. Who am I?

1. A panel probing fraud claims in the election in (CHOOSE ONE: Pakistan, Afghanistan) found that incumbent president Hamid Karzai didn't get enough votes for a valid win.

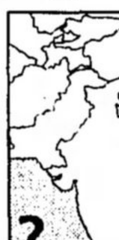
2. White House advisers have stepped up their attacks on ..?.., calling the cable television network " a wing of the Republican Party."

3. Jasper Howard, a star football player for the University of ..?.., was stabbed to death hours after helping his team win their homecoming game.
__Wisconsin __Minnesota __Connecticut __Kansas

4. British Prime Minister ..?.. warned of a "catastrophe" if world leaders fail to agree a deal on climate change.

5. Authorities in ..?.. announced they will seek charges against the parents of the child at the center of an incident involving a hot air balloon, which is alleged to have been a hoax.

NEWSPLACE:
The president and Cabinet ministers of this island nation wore scuba gear and plunged into the Indian Ocean to hold an underwater meeting. The unusual Cabinet session of this small country was aimed at drawing attention to the need for global action on climate change. This is the lowest-lying nation on Earth. Experts say that it could be submerged by rising sea levels due to global warming within 100 years. Name this country.



6. The fantasy film "..?..", based on Maurice Sendak's children's book, topped the box office.

7. ..?.. promised a "crushing" response to an attack that killed 42, including several senior commanders in its military.
__Iraq __Israel __Iran __Syria

8. Lefitie pitcher Cliff Lee pitched eight shutout innings and struck out 10 in the Philadelphia Phillies 11-0 victory over the (CHOOSE ONE: Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers).

9. Hurricane (CHOOSE ONE: Rick, Sam) weakened Monday as it churned up Mexico's Pacific coast as a downgraded Category Three storm.

10. Jessica Watson, 16, of ..?.., hopes to become the youngest person to sail solo and unassisted across the globe.
__Great Britain __Ireland __Florida __Australia

91 to 100 points *TOP SCORE!*
81 to 90 points *Excellent*
71 to 80 points *Good*
61 to 70 points *Fair*
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ANSWERS

NEWSFACE: Matt Groening/ *(5 points for correct answer)*
NEWSPLACE: Maldives / *(5 points for correct answer)*
(7 points for each correct answer)
1-Afghanistan; 2-Fox News; 3-Connecticut; 4-Gordon Brown; 5-Colorado; 6-Where the Wild Things Are; 7-Iran; 8-Los Angeles Dodgers; 9-Rick; 10-Australia

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RECORDS

POLICE LOG

State police, Greensburg

■ John Anthony Gyergyo, 48, of Herminie, was charged with violating a PFA on Thursday after he allegedly violated the order during the hours of 4 and 5:30 p.m. Oct. 14, police said.

Washington Township

■ Police are investigating a report that someone in a dark blue four-door vehicle shot out two windows at a residence in the 200 block of Harmony Church Road at 12:55 a.m. Sunday. The windows were shot out with a BB gun and police are asking anyone with information to call the department at (724) 929-6940.

California

■ Christopher M. Blosenski, 20, of Lititz, was cited for disorderly conduct and underage drinking after an incident that occurred 1:01 p.m. Saturday in front of the Coffee Connection when he was allegedly observed tampering with the store sign and decorations. He became argumentative with officers and was cited, police said.

Southwest Regional

■ Warren Joseph Gibson Jr., 29, of 3 Richard Circle, Belle Vernon, was charged with reckless endangerment, discharging a firearm into an occupied structure, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness 10 p.m. Oct. 12 after he allegedly fired shots behind the PFX building on Water Street in Belle Vernon, police said. Charges were filed with Magisterial District Judge Jesse Cramer, of Belle Vernon.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Charles Christner, West Newton

The following cases were heard Monday at Magisterial District Judge Charles Christner's office in West Newton:

■ Dominick Anthony Papa, 44, of 600 Fayette Ave., waived the right to preliminary hearings. Papa was charged with theft, receiving stolen property and seven counts of theft by deception in relation to incidents from July 6 to 10 at his residence. He was also charged with escape and resisting arrest when police attempted to serve a warrant on him July 16 at his residence.

■ Joseph Minno, 24, of 219 River St., Adah, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Minno was charged with forgery, identity theft, access device fraud, theft by deception, receiving stolen property and theft in relation to an incident Aug. 29 at Sheetz, 1245 Fells Church Road, Rostraver Township.

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DEATH NOTICES

CEKUS — Frank D. Cekus, 63, of Webster, on Monday, Oct. 19. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

GALLA — George P. Galla, 88, of Monessen, on Saturday, Oct. 17. Robert A. Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

GRESKOVICH — Pauline L. Greskovich, 85, of Charleroi, on Sunday, Oct. 18. Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Charleroi.*

MYERS — Timothy O. Myers, 64, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), on Sunday, Oct. 18. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
BYRON, Esther*
*** See death notice**

Esther Byron
Monessen

Esther Byron, 92, of Monessen, passed away Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, in Hallsworth House III. She was born July 5, 1917, in Donora, a daughter of the late Hubert and Mary Short Blanker She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Donora and Eastern Star No. 205 of Monessen. Surviving are two daughters, Rochelle and husband James Hileman of Belle Vernon, and Penelope and husband Ronald Rizzuto of Monessen; grandchildren, Laurel Seroka, Ernest Colelli, Jamie and Jim Butz, Scott and Darcey Hileman, David and Kim Hileman, Tom and Shawna Hileman; great-grandchildren, Ryan Peck, Heather Miller, Brett Seroka, Jonathan Hileman, Justin Hileman, Deanna Hileman, Scotlun Hileman, Jacob Hileman, Tiffany Hepple, and Zachary Hepple; great-great-grandchildren, Marcus, T.J., and Riley Miller. She was preceded in death by her husband, James H. Byron; a daughter, Mildren Jean Byron; and a brother, Hubert Joseph Blanker. Friends will be received on Tuesday from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Boulevard, Monessen. A blessing service will be held in the funeral home on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., followed by funeral services at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Donora. Eastern Star 205 will conduct services at the funeral home on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

George P. Galla
Monessen

George P. Galla, 88, of Monessen, died on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, in his home. Born in Arnold City on July 14, 1921, he was the son of the late Joseph and Anna Kolesar Galla. He retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Co., Monessen plant. He was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church, and served his country as an Aviation Chief with the U.S. Navy during World War II. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, John, Joseph, Andrew, Paul (who was killed in action in the Korean Conflict), and an infant brother Andrew; and an infant sister, Mary. He is survived by his wife, Lillian M. Naccarato Galla; one son, George A. Galla of Fredrick, Md.; two granddaughters, Lauren and Aubrey Galla, both of Fredrick, Md.; two sisters, Helen Patrick of Monessen and Ann Ziemba of Alexandria, Va.; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Gene and Vera Galla of Grindstone and Maria Galla of Perryopolis; and numerous nieces and nephews. A blessing service will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME, Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen, followed by a noon funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church. Entombment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Pauline L. Greskovich
Charleroi

Pauline L. Greskovich, 85, of Charleroi, died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born Dec. 25, 1923, in Bradford, a daughter of the late Arthur J. and Mildred Chase Burt. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Charleroi. Surviving are her niece, Iris Riley; and a sister-in-law, Anne Rickard, both of Charleroi. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Greskovich; and two sisters, Virginia Burt and Dorothy Burt. Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel of Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora, with the Rev. Mark Woomer officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park. The CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, Charleroi, is handling the arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Frank D. Cekus
Webster

Frank D. Cekus, 63, of Webster, died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, in UPMC Montefiore Hospital. Born in North Charleroi on Jan. 13, 1946, he was the son of the late Frank P. and Anna (Polak) Cekus. Frank was a journey millwright for General Motors, West Mifflin. He was president of the Webster Boat Club and attended Ella Hollow Bible Church in Forward Township. He is survived by his wife, Lawrencine (Davis) Cekus; son, Frank L. Cekus of Rostraver Township; daughter, Denise (Craig) Bollman of Elizabeth Township; two grandchildren, Alexandra Ann Bollman and Blake Breanne Bollman; brother, Gary (Mary Ann) Cekus of West Newton; and two sisters, Barbara (Bill) Marshall of Beallsville and Diane (Tom) Locklin of Rostraver Township. Friends will be received on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934) www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com, where a funeral service will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. with Pastor John Pipp officiating. Interment will follow in Round Hill Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Timothy O. Myers
Rostraver Township

Timothy O. Myers, 64, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, at 12:59 p.m. at Mon Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. Born Aug. 19, 1945, in North Charleroi, he was the son of the late Herbert Carter Myers and Ann L. Ohara Myers Barch. A resident of Belle Vernon for the past 30 years, Mr. Myers attended St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church with his wife, and was a retired superintendent of maintenance from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, Allenport Plant. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of the Belle Vernon American Legion Post 659, Belle Vernon Rotary Club, worked at Cedar Brook Golf Course for the past two years and was a dear friend and attendant at the Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home for the past three years. Tim was an avid golfer, member of the WISE golf league and was a well known musician and drummer for several bands in the 1960's and 1970's, playing with the Invictas, and featured with Jimmy Beaumont and the Skyliners, the Eldorados and The Filet of Soul. Tim also played legion ball and minor league baseball and coached boys baseball and girls softball. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Kathy Misenko Myers; daughter Megan Myers of Rostraver Township, who is currently attending school in Philadelphia; his father and mother-in-law, Edward and Betty E. (Albright) Misenko of Belle Vernon; two sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law, Carol and Pete Mazzei of Belle Vernon and Janet Misenko; three nephews, Chad and Aaron Mazzei of Glenwood Springs, Colo., Kurt and Carissa Kornosky of Webb City, Mo.; niece, Kerry and Frank Funair of Penn Hills; a great-niece, Kaylee Kornosky; and a great-nephew, Evan Kornosky. He was preceded in death by his sister, Judith Kornosky, and brother-in-law, Eugene Kornosky. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, Family Owned and Operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724) 929-6183. Prayer service will be held Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church, with the Rev. Lawrence L. Manchas, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will take place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Members of St. Sebastian parish will pray the rosary for the departed soul of Timothy Myers on Tuesday at 3 p.m. The Belle Vernon American Legion will conduct services Tuesday at 7 p.m., followed by the Belle Vernon Rotary Club services at 7:30 p.m., both in the funeral home. Condolences accepted at the funeral homes Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Amtrak recommends new train

An additional run between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg could be in the works.

By MATTHEW SANTONI
For The Valley Independent
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PITTSBURGH – Amtrak is recommending that another train be added to the sparse service between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, if state and federal legislators decide the additional ridership is worth the expense.

In a study mandated by the federal Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008, Amtrak officials looked at passenger service in Pennsylvania and decided that the potential riders and revenue were sufficient to consider increasing the Pennsylvanian route between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg from one train per day in each direction to two, adding a midday departure from Pittsburgh and a late-night arrival that could connect to trains heading west to Chicago.

"The ridership was there, and it would have a minimal impact on operations," said Steve Kulm, Amtrak spokesman. "If this is going to move forward, state and federal legislators will have to make the next step."

Adding the extra trains hinge on state and federal support -- Amtrak estimated the annual operating cost to be $13.7 million, offset by another 144,000 annual riders and $6.7 million in ticket revenue. Buying six new locomotives, 10 coaches and three dining cars – enough for two new trains, two spare locomotives and a spare dining car – would cost about $88 million, the study said.

"I think (200 riders per trip) is an achievable goal," said Henry Posner III, chairman of Green Tree-based Railroad Development Corp., which formerly ran the "Steel City Flyer" bus service to Harrisburg.

Rep. Joseph Markosek, chairman of the state House Transportation Committee, said the service is needed, but the tight state budget complicates finding state funding for it.

"We're looking for more funds every day just to keep up with what we have," said Markosek, D-Monroeville.

The Pennsylvanian leaves Pittsburgh at 7 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m., leaving round-trip travelers with less than two hours in Harrisburg if they want to return the same day. Yet, west of Harrisburg, ridership on the Pennsylvanian increased an average of about 13 percent per year between 2006 and 2008, the study found.

In the study released last week, Amtrak recommended adding another train to the line that would depart Pittsburgh at 1 p.m. and return at 11:45 p.m., with the possibility of connecting to the westbound Capitol Limited route to Chicago from Washington, that leaves at 11:55 p.m.

Dave McSurdy, 72, was making the connection to a westbound train on his third trip from Schuylkill County to San Diego.

"When I go east from here, I get here on a Sunday morning and have to wait three hours," McSurdy said. "Have you ever been here on a Sunday morning when everything is closed? It's like a sci-fi movie where everyone has disappeared."

Terry Bishop, 53, of New Castle was coming back last night from visiting her grandchildren in Harrisburg and said the service is good enough for her.

"Seven a.m. is not bad. You just got to be where you got to be when you got to be there," Bishop said.

Lucinda Beattie, vice president for transportation at the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, said the extra trains would be a boon for business travelers to Harrisburg.

"We're isolated to a large extent ... with US Air(ways) leaving Pittsburgh and the railroads cutting back service in the past," she said. "They really kind of forced people into their cars, and that is a tough drive in the winter."

The Steel City Flyer was aimed at those same business travelers, but Posner said he was hobbled by companies who paid employees more to drive themselves in addition to being denied permission to unload his buses at the Harrisburg Amtrak station.

Philip G. Pavely/For The Valley Independent

Carol Fleck, of Blandon, Pa., waits for her train at the Amtrak station in Pittsburgh Monday. Amtrak is calling for a second daily train in each direction.

In Memory Of
Helen M. Jones
Who passed away 1 year ago today, October 20, 2008.
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could not stay, on your branches she would
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they would bring,
she found shelter in your shade,
I thought her laughter would never fade.
Weeping Willow stop your tears,
you think death as if you forever part,
but I know she'll always be in my heart.
Sadly missed by
daughter Christy-Jones Mallesky

In Memory of
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A Birthday Tribute today, October 20, in loving memory of our beloved Wife, Mother & Grandmother,
Carolyn Uremovich.
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On a sad day like this, there is not much to say, but ask God to honor you in His own way. And grant us one wish, and make it come true, to have His choir of Angels sing "Happy Birthday" to you.
Sadly missed and loved by Joe, Mike, Donna & John, granddaughters Leah & Madison

NEWS

TODAY in HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 20, the 293rd day of 2009. There are 72 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Oct. 20, 1944, during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stepped ashore at Leyte in the Philippines, 2 1/2 years after he'd said, "I shall return."

On this date:

■ In 1740, Maria Theresa became ruler of Austria, Hungary and Bohemia upon the death of her father, Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI.

■ In 1903, a joint commission ruled in favor of the United States in a boundary dispute between the District of Alaska and Canada.

■ In 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration in the U.S. motion picture industry.

■ In 1964, the 31st president of the United States, Herbert Hoover, died in New York at age 90.

■ In 1967, seven men were convicted in Meridian, Miss., of violating the civil rights of three slain civil rights workers.

■ In 1968, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

■ In 1973, in the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre," special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. Ruckelshaus resigned.

■ In 1979, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum was dedicated in Boston.

■ In 1994, actor Burt Lancaster died in Los Angeles at age 80.

■ **Ten years ago**: The government laid out new rules to protect children's privacy on the Internet and to shield them from commercial e-mail. Elizabeth Dole abandoned her Republican bid to become America's first woman president.

■ **Five years ago**: A U.S. Army staff sergeant, Ivan "Chip" Frederick, pleaded guilty to abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison. (Frederick was sentenced to eight years in prison; he was paroled in 2007.) After being just three outs from getting swept in the AL championship series three nights earlier, the Boston Red Sox finally beat the New York Yankees, winning Game 7 in a 10-3 shocker to become the first major league team to overcome a 3-0 postseason series deficit.

■ **One year ago**: A rising wave of optimism lifted Wall Street, propelling the Dow Jones industrials up more than 400 points on more signs of a reviving credit market and hints from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke that the government would take more steps to help the economy. Arkansas TV anchorwoman Anne Pressly was found severely beaten in her Little Rock home; she died several days later.

Associated Press

An Afghan man looks at a newspaper with the news about the election results today at a market place in Kabul. U.N.-backed fraud investigators on Monday threw out nearly a third of President Hamid Karzai's votes from the August election, undercutting his claim of victory and stepping up the pressure for him to accept a runoff.

Gates: Legitimate Afghan gov't could take months

Defense secretary said a war strategy needs to be decided now.

By LARA JAKES
Associated Press Writer

ABOARD A U.S. MILITARY JET — The Obama administration needs to decide on a war strategy for Afghanistan without waiting for a government there to be widely accepted as legitimate, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Monday.

Gates' comments put him at odds with top White House and NATO officials who are balking at ordering more troops and other resources to Afghanistan until the disputed election crisis there is resolved.

The Pentagon chief called the Afghan elections — and the larger issues of curbing corruption in its government — "an evolving process."

"We're not just going to sit on our hands, waiting for the outcome of this election and for the emergence of a government in Kabul," he told reporters en route to Tokyo.

"The outcome of the elections and the problems with the elections have complicated the situation for us. But the reality is, it's not going to be complicated one day and simple the next," he said. "We're going to have to work with this going forward, and I believe the president will have to make his decisions in the context of that evolutionary process."

Gates did not say whether he believed that a runoff between Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai and main challenger Abdullah Abdullah was inevitable. U.N.-backed fraud investigators have thrown out nearly a third of Karzai's ballots from the August election, setting the stage for a runoff.

A runoff likely would prompt political unrest and further delay assured help by the Afghan government to battle the Taliban.

Gates also raised the possibility that Abdullah would not demand a runoff, saying the issue ultimately may be settled by internal political deals. "They basically have to sort it through themselves," he said.

Karzai was expected to outline his future plans today, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in Washington.

For weeks, the Obama administration has grappled with whether to send as many as 80,000 additional U.S. troops to fight the Taliban in Afghanistan or use missile-carrying spy planes and covert military missions to focus more narrowly on al-Qaida leaders who are believed to be hiding in Pakistan.

In separate comments over the last two days, White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel and NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen each said no decision on the future of the war strategy should be made until the legitimacy of the Afghanistan government is assured.

Gates said Obama was nearing a decision on the strategy.

The Pentagon chief was headed to Japan and South Korea where he planned discuss support for the war in Afghanistan with leaders there. He was to attend a meeting of NATO defense ministers in Bratislava, Slovakia, later in the week where Afghanistan would be a top topic.

"This is an alliance issue," he said. "It should not be looked upon as exclusively the responsibility of the United States to respond."

Biden heading to Central Europe

Some countries fear they've been put on the back burner.

By DESMOND BUTLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden is traveling to Central Europe to reassure leaders who are nervous that the Obama administration's courting of Russia means a reduced commitment to their security.

Biden's trip today comes in the aftermath of the administration's decision to rework a missile defense plan devised by the Bush administration and opposed by Russia. Leaders in Poland and the Czech Republic, where the system was to have been based, had hoped it would offer a permanent U.S. presence and deterrence against potential Russian bullying.

Biden's national security adviser, Tony Blinken, said Monday that the shift was not aimed at appeasing Russia.

The administration's new plan still will involve deploying missile defense elements to the region, and President Barack Obama has promised to give Poland and the Czech Republic priority in its basing decisions. The Bush administration's plans involved installing long-range interceptors in Poland and a radar in the Czech Republic to counter Iran's missile program.

The Obama administration says it is already consulting allies on the new plans to deploy interceptors for short- and medium-range missiles.

Janusz Bugajski, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Europe program, says Central Europe was already nervous about the administration's promise to reset relations with Russia before the missile defense announcement, because the administration was slow to reassure the region. Central European countries enjoyed close attention from the Bush administration.

"All of them fear that they have been put on the back burner while the U.S. engages Russia," Bugajski said, adding that the countries are now eager for specific details on the new plans.

The visit by Biden, considered a close foreign policy adviser to Obama, is intended to counter that impression.

Biden first meeting Wednesday is with Poland's prime minister and president.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Balloon hoax probe spreads

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — An investigation into possible criminal charges for a Colorado couple who told authorities their son floated off in a balloon shaped like a flying saucer has spread to those who worked with them.

Robert Thomas told sheriff's investigators about what he observed between amateur storm chasers Richard and Mayumi Heene when he helped record Richard Heene's ideas earlier this year, Thomas' attorney, Linda Lee, said Monday. Thomas earlier sold his story to the Web site Gawker.com.

Lee said Richard Heene was "obsessed" with trying to land a TV show and become famous.

"Heene believes the world is going to end in 2012," she said. "Because of that, he wanted to make money quickly, become rich enough to build a bunker or something underground, where he can be safe from the sun exploding."

Investigators on Monday pored over e-mails, phone records and financial documents from the Heene home.

Obama pushing for Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly one year removed from his own election, President Barack Obama is dashing into campaign mode again, devoting coveted time toward getting Democrats elected in November and generating cash for his party in 2010.

The concentrated push begins today and is shaping up, at least to some degree, as a gauge on Obama's political influence.

At separate events in New York City, the president will raise money both for Bill Owens, a Democrat trying to win a special election in an upstate New York congressional district, and for the Democratic National Committee. The national party fundraising event alone is expected to generate between $2 million to $3 million.

Beyond a $30,400-per-couple dinner for the DNC, Obama will attend a health care rally with tickets starting at $100. His comments at that event will be pumped live via webcast to house parties around the nation, where supporters plan to call voters and ask them to lobby Congress to pass a health care reform bill.

Obama's New York sprint also includes a visit with counterterrorism workers to thank them for their efforts. By holding an official event along with his fundraising, Obama dramatically reduces the cost of presidential travel that's charged to the political campaigns. Taxpayers pick up the rest of the tab.

Blasts kill 2 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Two explosions today at an Islamic university in the Pakistani capital killed at least two people, authorities and witnesses said.

TV reports said at least one of the blasts at the International Islamic University in Islamabad was a suicide attack and that it took place in a female cafeteria.

Pakistan has been rocked by a series of attacks by Islamist militants in recent weeks. Authorities have been braced for more because the army is attacking an al-Qaida and Taliban stronghold in the northwest.

Dr. Waseem Khwaja at a hospital in the city, the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, said the blasts killed one female student and wounded 11 more.

A student from Indonesia attending the university said he had seen two bodies being taken from a building on the campus.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

Two players hit 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Two players matched all five winning numbers drawn in Monday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will each receive $62,500.

Lottery officials said 68 players matched four numbers and won $228 each; 2,149 players matched three numbers and won $12 each; and 26,508 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA

DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	3-7-8
NIGHT PICK 3:	8-6-8
DAY PICK BIG 4:	1-9-7-7
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	9-9-8-0
DAY QUINTO:	9-8-7-0-7
NIGHT QUINTO:	2-6-5-4-2
TREASURE HUNT:	7-10-11-16-17
CASH 5:	8-13-27-33-43

OHIO

DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	8-9-2
NIGHT PICK 3:	9-3-1
DAY PICK 4:	4-2-8-9
NIGHT PICK 4:	4-2-4-1
ROLLING CASH 5:	1-12-19-30-36
CLASSIC LOTTO:	4-9-16-26-28-41

WEST VIRGINIA

DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009

DAILY 3:	8-7-4
DAILY 4:	7-5-7-7
CASH 25:	1-2-8-13-15-20

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OUR OPINION

Teen love can be costly

MONESSEN TAXPAYERS should pray each night that some star-struck high school sweethearts don't break up, because such youthful spats can be expensive.

Why, sensible people might ask, should a change in some teenager's love life impact taxpayers' wallets?

Because officials of the Monessen School District have decided that's the way it should be.

When a relationship between two MHS students turned sour during the past summer and they each were granted protection-from-abuse orders, the school board decided to hire what amounts to a babysitter to accompany the male student throughout the school day for $7.25 per hour.

The PFAs expired earlier this month, but Anthony Angotti is still on babysitting duty and is expected to remain on the payroll through the end of the school year.

"We felt this was the best way to make sure there is a safe environment," Dr. Cynthia Chelen, Monessen's superintendent of schools, told *The Valley Independent's* Stacy Wolford.

The superintendent said school officials wanted to keep both students in school so the district worked with both families during the summer in an attempt to resolve the differences.

Their eventual decision to hire Angotti is costing district taxpayers roughly $250 per week.

While that won't break the bank, one can only wonder, now that the precedent has been set, how many other escorts soon may be parading through the halls of the local high school, their eyes focused on some boy or girl whose fling at romance has had an unhappy ending.

One more, who would double the weekly babysitting tab?

Three more, who would make the bill $1,000?

Or maybe 10 more at a total cost of $2,750 per week?

Teenagers, of course, have been dating and separating for centuries.

But it's only now — and seemingly only in Monessen — where the public is stuck with paying for young love gone off the track.

It's time to end this silliness, terminate the babysitter and let the quarreling couple learn to deal with life's lessons as they come along - just like everybody else.

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

ANOTHER VIEW

The Star-Ledger, Newark, N.J., on credit card fees:

When it comes to credit card swipe fees, Americans are getting Third World treatment.

U.S. consumers and businesses pay markedly higher charges than those in other developed nations when it comes to purchasing with plastic, according to a report by the Merchants Payment Coalition. ...

Every time a consumer uses credit, roughly 2 percent to 3 percent of the charge goes to banks or other payment networks, which set the fees at rates that often vary from country to country. American swipe fees are double those in the United Kingdom and New Zealand, and four times those in Australia, the merchants contend.

The beauty part for the credit card issuer is that it scores twice — once in a transaction fee it gets from the merchant and again with an interest charge to the customer. In 2008, those charges produced an estimated $48 billion for American banks, an average of $427 per household, the merchant coalition claims.

Lawmakers, including Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., have introduced legislation that would impose more restrictions on such fees.

That's a good start, but it's not enough. The bills are stuck in committee. They deserve a better treatment, as do the merchants and consumers burdened by these too-high charges.

Obama should weigh in now on health debate

Morton **KONDRACKE**

Vast differences — in cost, coverage, ideology and pay-for techniques — need to be bridged among five measures approved by two Senate and three House committees.

Democratic leaders in each chamber are trying to reconcile bills, draft final versions, get them scored by the Congressional Budget Office and put them on the floor.

Obama should not wait for a House-Senate conference to put his stamp on the health care reform process. He needs to fashion a final product — one that can win 60 votes in the Senate.

That means resisting intense pressure to move left of the measure just produced by the Senate Finance Committee.

Obama needs to hold on to the measure's cost-saving mechanisms — and should even move right to tempt more Republicans to support reform.

He should offer Republicans their favorite provisions — medical malpractice reform and the possibility of buying insurance across state lines — to see whether he can make the final legislation more bipartisan and also save money.

Legal reform, possibly in the form of specialized "health courts," would reduce the practice of "defensive medicine," the ordering of extra tests and treatments to avoid being sued.

And allowing small businesses the chance to form pools and buy insurance anywhere in the country in a regulated market would create competition among insurance companies and lower costs.

These are admittedly long-shot possibilities. It may be all Obama can do to resist pressure from liberals, labor unions and all sorts of health lobbies to create a public-insurance option, "protect" consumers from higher costs and create more "carve-outs" to help favored states and special-interest groups.

One such group, America's Health Insurance Plans, the insurance lobby, has brought down an avalanche of ridicule, with even Obama aides unfairly accusing it of trying to torpedo the entire reform effort.

In fact, AHIP — like other groups representing doctors, hospitals, device manufacturers and seniors — was merely trying to affect the reform process when it issued a report claiming that elements of the Finance bill would significantly raise premiums.

One AHIP assertion surely deserves Obama's attention: An estimated 17 million Americans would not be required to buy insurance under the Finance Committee bill, yet they would be allowed to do so the minute they get sick. That would inevitably raise costs.

On the other hand, AHIP also objected to one Finance provision that almost all cost-control hawks want to retain in final legislation: an excise tax on "Cadillac" insurance plans.

As the bipartisan Concord Coalition pointed out in one of the best "road forward" reports yet, "Current tax preferences create perverse incentives that encourage higher health care spending.

"They are also regressive and unfair to those attempting to purchase their own insurance."

Ideally, either employees should lose their tax exclusion for employer-paid insurance plans and get money to buy their own insurance, or the self-employed and unemployed should get a similar tax break.

Congress is afraid to go that far, but the Finance Committee's tax on high-priced insurance is an attempt to raise revenue to pay for reform and control health spending by limiting the coverage that employees can have for free.

An odd coalition — AHIP, Republicans and organized labor — is against the excise tax, but Obama should insist on keeping it in final legislation.

As the Concord Coalition wrote, "not only would the excise tax ... raise $201 billion over 10 years," but "it would also serve as a constraint on plan premiums — thereby encouraging insurers to exert downward pressure on provider costs."

Moreover, because of the way the excise tax is indexed to inflation, it would result in significant savings beyond the first 10 years.

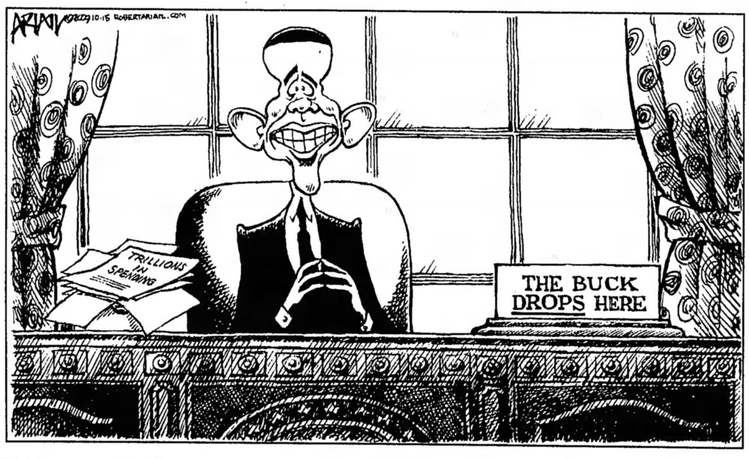
Concord also urged retention of the Finance Committee's independent commission designed to control Medicare costs, adding it was "concerned that limitations on the commission and its jurisdiction would wind up impeding its effectiveness."

Indeed, House Democrats are out to kill the commission — and AARP, drug, hospital and other lobbies won exclusions in the Senate that Obama should eliminate.

Concord also urged more aggressive efforts to change the "perverse" fee-for-service payment system that encourages providers to order more procedures and the avoidance of "gimmickry" to make reform look less expensive than it will be.

And it urged, "Avoid Medicare for all" — creation of a public-insurance plan that, like Medicare, fails to control costs.

Obama has to persuade liberals to forgo a public plan and accept a "trigger" to create one if reform fails to control costs. But he's got one powerful argument: A public plan can't pass the Senate.



The 1 percent solution

YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

With America facing an uncertain financial future thanks to the Democrat-controlled federal government, the is a simple solution that can bring the reckless spending to a halt.

Since the top 1 percent of income earners contribute 40 percent of all federal tax revenue, they can put some serious pressure on the politicians to end this developing financial disaster. They can simply take a unpaid leave of absence from their income tax generating activities.

The resultant loss in tax revenue would force Washington to mend their ways or face a government-wide shutdown.

Given Barack Hussein Obama's communist leanings, the meteoric explosion of spending will drive us towards into an economic 'Armageddon. Since when did we as Americans agree to become slaves to the ruling class?

I believe that if the high wager earners took a stand on reducing their tax liabilities they can demand accountability to end the existing waste, fraud and abuse on existing programs before any more new spending programs are foolishly enacted.

Obama is a narcissistic fool, and a dangerous one at that. Spending for feel-good programs, such as government-run health care, might sound like warm and fuzzy economic fairness, but the simple fact is that we cannot afford it what we already have let alone more spending.

When does this madness end?

Only the taxpayers can put a stop to it. And they must once again risk their lives, fortunes and sacred honor and take a stand against oppressive irresponsible government spending.

Dr. Bill Choby
Latrobe

Keep 'don't ask, don't tell'

YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

President Obama's recent promise to the gay community to eliminate the "don't ask, don't tell" policy in the armed services has a more debilitating effect than first implications.

The policy was those in authority could not ask their sexual orientation and they were expected to keep it under wraps.

If the "don't ask, don't tell" policy is eliminated, gays will be allowed to come out of the closet in the armed forces and solicit openly if they wish to do so. This will have a demoralizing effect on those who are straight in the services.

In a barracks of 20 or 30 close-quartered troops, gays will be permitted to solicit openly.

Former President Jimmy Carter implied that many Americans are racially prejudiced against Obama. As a former Sunday school teacher, one questions Carter's moral teachings.

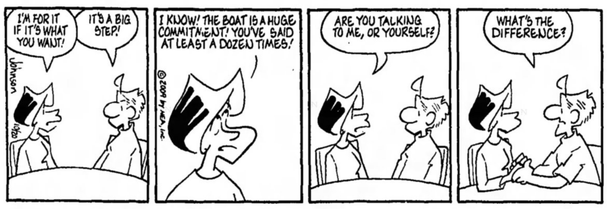
Lyle W. Sinsley
Belle Vernon

COMICS

CATHY® by Cathy Guisewite

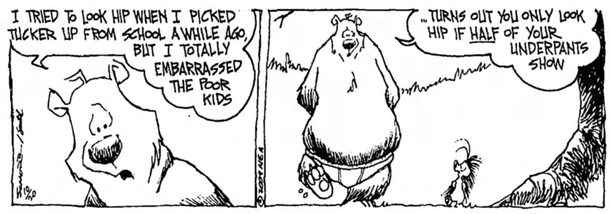
Um... Hi. You're here...
Yes. We're still here. Your homeless in-laws.
Life savings in the tank. Nest egg: fried. Home: kaput.
We have nothing but the big hearts of our children and the 915 channels of their giant TV proclaiming the end of the recession to see us through this unthinkable new phase of life!
"Destitute with satellite dish."
You're all out of fat-free kettle corn!

ARLO and JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson


I'm for it if it's what you want!
It'd a big step!
I know! The boat is a huge commitment! You've said at least a dozen times!
Are you talking to me, or yourself?
What's the difference?

BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker

GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr


I tried to look hip when I picked Tucker up from school a while ago, but I totally embarrassed the poor kids
...turns out you only look hip if half of your underpants show

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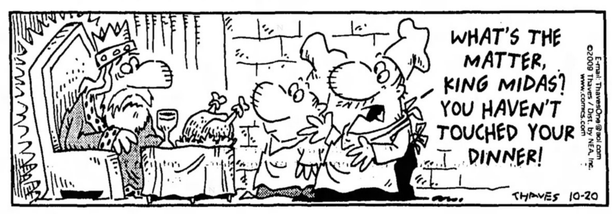


SOUP TO NUTZ™ by Rick Stromoski

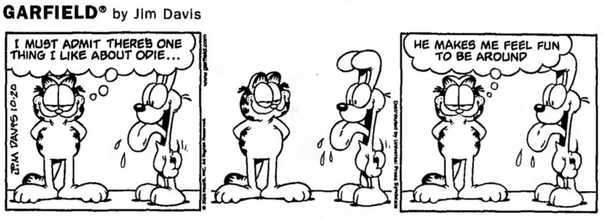
BIG NATE® by Lincoln Peirce

Teddy! The soup kitchen!
What about it?
I could organize a fundraiser at school, and then donate all the money to the soup kitchen!
Ha! That'll show Gina that I'm a class president who can get things done!
Plus, you'd be helping people.
Sunshine
Soup Kitchen
Hm?

MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

I think I'll cut out on the next hunt, Ray...I just don't feel right being a poacher!
Sorry, pal, you can't just back out when you feel like it... we need you!
We'll pick you up at ten - be here!
Jack Elrod

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis



Classic PEANUTS® by Charles M. Schulz

Girls like compliments..
If you want to impress that little red-haired girl, say something nice to her..
You look really cute today!
That impressed her, Charlie Brown..She fell right out of her desk..

HI & LOIS® by Mort Walker and Dick Browne

BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

Nine-twenty... Nine-twenty-one... Nine-twenty-two...
Do you have the time, Brutus?
Let's see... it's six-fifteen.
Six-sixteen... six-seventeen... six-eighteen...

BLONDIE® by Young and Marshall

Do you make a lot of money, Mr. B.?
It isn't polite to ask someone how much they make, Elmo
Ha! Ha! Mr. Woodley told me you'd be too embarrassed to answer that one, Mr. B.
I suppose he told you how much he makes!
Actually, he did, Mr. B.
Really? How much does he make?

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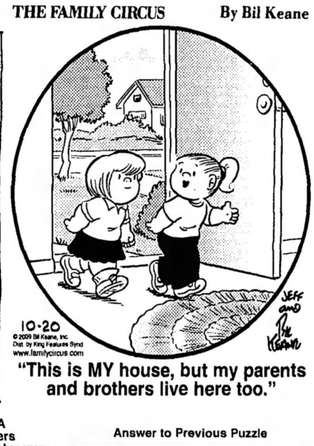

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★ 10/20

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9	3	6	1	8	7	4	2	5
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The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

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8 Practical question
11 Blue or green
12 Puppy-chow brand
13 Skein of yarn
14 With bwana (2 wds.)
16 Time to beware
17 Gauzy fabrics
18 Terhune collie
20 Milky white gemstones
21 Hold on to
24 Minerva, in Greece
28 After taxes
30 Auction site
33 13 now 50
34 Polar explorer
35 Urges
36 JAMA readers
37 Plays bumper-cars
38 "C'— la vie!"
39 Ocean crossing
41 Percolate
43 Synagogue leader
47 Clear — — bell
49 Slow trains
50 Resign
53 Hard questions
55 Coffee brewers
56 Bean for sprouting
57 Frat letter
58 Passe
59 Command to Rover
60 Sault — Marie

DOWN

1 Scrapbook item
2 Daybreak
3 Physicist Nikola —
4 Least risky
5 Woe is me!
6 Aries mo.
7 Heat up
8 Possessed
9 Four quarters
10 Yr. parts
13 Stash away
15 Soothes
19 Rap-sheet letters
22 Gaelic pop star
23 Beauty parlor special
25 Sci-fi award
26 Catch a glimpse
27 ISS org.
29 Gridiron stats
30 Hurricane center
31 Porgy's woman
32 Poker stake
34 Infraction
39 CEO aides
40 Not fully alert
42 Sign on a diner
44 Worms and minnows
45 Cote murmur
46 Campaign topic
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49 Kind of moth
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51 Web site
52 Gary's st.
54 Unconscious

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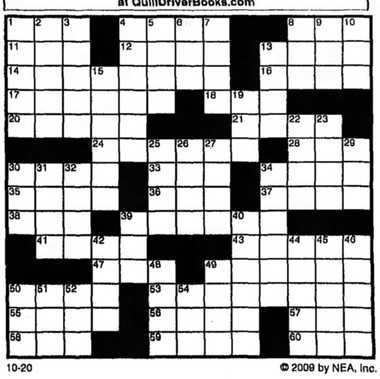

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Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and her friends are gathering honey from their hives. See if you can find:

- number 7
- alligator
- kite
- bowl
- dragon
- letter B
- puppy
- doughnut
- letter E
- sea horse
- letter A
- fish
- ice cream cone
- letter C
- word MINI
- heart

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Mysterious Disappearances

Vanishing Animals

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There is a big mystery in the world. Animals are disappearing, and no one knows exactly why. Bees, bats, frogs and other amphibians are vanishing.

There are a lot of ideas about this. Experts believe the disappearances and deaths are happening for a mixture of reasons.

If so many animals are in trouble, it may mean the Earth is in trouble too. The Mini Page talked to scientists to discover more about these mysteries.

A perfect storm

Experts believe there may be many causes joining together to kill off certain animals. Some experts are calling this mixture of dangers a "perfect storm."

The dangers all come together to make the situation even worse. For example, climate change may put so much stress on an animal that it gets sick easier.

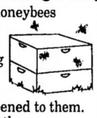
Pollution and pesticides may be weakening animals' **immune systems**. The immune system helps the body fight off sickness.

Photo by Scott Bauer, courtesy USDA

A Varroa mite, or tiny spider-like creature, rests on the back of a honeybee. Experts believe this mite may be one of the causes of bee disappearances. Many other dangers, such as pesticides, global warming, many viruses hitting at once, and modern beekeeping practices may be adding to the problem.

The case of the vanishing honeybees

In America in 2006, honeybees began abandoning their hives and disappearing. No bodies of the missing bees have been found. No one knows where they went or what happened to them.



Each year since then, there have been more of these strange disappearances. Experts say more than one-third of all honeybees have disappeared in the United States.

One day bees would be swarming around their hives, apparently healthy. Then, all of a sudden, all the worker bees would vanish, deserting their hive, the queen, honey stores and young bees.

Other bees would avoid the deserted hives, not even trying to get the honey sitting there unguarded.

Scientists call this strange event **Colony Collapse Disorder**, or CCD.

Photo by Bob Peters, courtesy USDA

Although Colony Collapse Disorder is new, honeybee health has been getting worse for about 30 years. Diseases and environmental problems are some causes.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Mini Ice Cream Sandwich

You'll need:

- 16 small chocolate chip cookies (soft-baked)
- 2 cups ice cream, any flavor
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

What to do:

1. Spoon the ice cream evenly onto 8 cookies, about 1/4 cup each.
2. Place remaining cookies on top, pressing down gently to create 8 mini ice cream sandwiches.
3. Using a spoon, gently smooth the ice cream around the sides of each sandwich.
4. Place nuts in a shallow bowl and roll sandwiches in the nuts so they stick well to the sides.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Meet Rebecca Frezza

Photo courtesy Rob Cole

Rebecca Frezza is the lead musician for the band Big Truck. She and her band have several CDs, including their new album, "Rockin', Rollin' and Ridin'."

The band has appeared on the Noggin TV shows "Jack's Big Music Show" and "Move to the Music." The band's music videos appear on PBS Kids TV.

Rebecca is a singer, dancer and actor. She has traveled throughout the world with several stage musicals, such as "West Side Story."

After her son was born, she began teaching music classes for preschool children. She began writing her own music for kids. As her son grew up, she began writing for older kids.

She often performs at events that raise money for charities that help kids.

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Goldie Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Melanie Oudin

Height: 5-6 **Birthdate:** 9-23-91
Weight: 130 **Hometown:** Marietta, Ga.

At first, it was her shoes that created the hoopla. Eighteen-year-old Melanie Oudin strolled into New York's Arthur Ashe Stadium with a No. 70 world ranking and wearing pink sneakers bearing the word "Believe."

Then she started cracking forehands and backhands in the U.S. Open tennis tournament. Pretty soon it was her shot-making and tenacity that created excitement and made believers out of tennis fans around the nation.

Suddenly, Oudin was the talk of the tournament. She upset three highly ranked opponents and became the youngest player to reach the quarterfinals in at least a decade. Her fairy tale ride ended with a loss to 19-year-old Caroline Wozniacki.

Like most teen tennis phenoms, Oudin — who has two sisters — started playing at an early age. She started getting home-schooled in the seventh grade to have more time for her sport.

Sure, she's like a lot of girls her age. Older opponents just wish the kid with the pink shoes would act her age on the court and stop beating them!

Environmental Dangers

Dangers to humans

Experts say honeybees help us grow about one-third of our food. We cannot grow many crops without them, including nuts, berries, fruits and many vegetables, such as cucumbers, pumpkins and broccoli.

For example, some crops, such as almonds, depend on honeybees to pollinate almond flowers. In California, almond growers need 1.3 million colonies of bees. This is about half of all the honeybees in the United States.

When bees, bats, birds and other creatures **pollinate** (POH-luh-nate) plants, they carry a fine dust called pollen from one plant to another. This allows the plants to reproduce.

Some experts say bees are so important to our food that Colony Collapse Disorder might be one of the biggest threats to national security.

Photo by Stephen Ausmus, courtesy USDA

Healthy bees crowd onto a honeycomb.

Overworked bees

Experts believe overworking bees may be one of the causes for CCD. Beekeepers move colonies of bees around the country so bees can pollinate different crops. Experts believe this may be wearing out bees.

Harmful chemicals

Pesticides and other harmful chemicals could be a major cause of animal deaths.

There is evidence that poisonous chemicals are staying in soil and plants longer. Even when people switch to less harmful pesticides and other farm and garden chemicals, the most harmful ones may still be in the environment.

Water dangers

Farm chemicals run off the land into streams and rivers. These chemicals are especially dangerous to animals such as frogs and fish that spend much of their lives in water.

Farmers and gardeners apply pesticides in the spring. But spring rains wash these dangerous chemicals into ponds and streams. Baby frogs are being born right when these poisons are washed into the water.

Disappearing Frogs and Bats

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Frogs disappearing from Earth

Entire **species**, or types, of frogs have been disappearing from our planet in the last 20 years. Some species are already gone. Experts believe about half of all frogs on the planet face extinction.

Frogs are members of the **amphibian** (am-FIB-ee-uhn) family. Amphibians live part of their lives in water and part on land. Other amphibians, such as salamanders and toads, are also at risk.

Another problem is that more frogs and fish are being born unhealthy. Some have deformed legs or extra legs. Some frogs and fish are being born with male and female reproductive parts.

Experts believe pesticides are part of the problem. People's medicines getting into water sources may be a problem too.

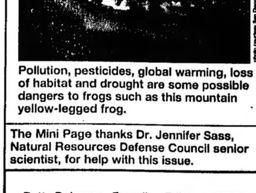

Photo courtesy San Diego Zoo

Pollution, pesticides, global warming, loss of habitat and drought are some possible dangers to frogs such as this mountain yellow-legged frog.

Photo courtesy San Diego Zoo

One of the worst threats to frogs is a deadly fungus called chytrid (kit-rid). A fungus is a type of growth such as mold. This is a red-legged Kassini frog.

Dangers to humans

Amphibians have been on Earth for about 360 million years. There have been amphibian extinctions before. But it has never been as bad as it is now.

The rapid extinctions could signal the start of an environmental danger to humans as well.

In addition, amphibians eat a lot of harmful insects. If too many amphibians disappear, people could be in more danger from insects carrying disease or eating crops.

Dying bats

In the past few years, bats have been dying around the world. Although experts are not sure why, they believe there may be several causes.

A strange new disease called White Nose Syndrome has killed hundreds of thousands of bats. Experts believe this disease could be caused by pesticides, bacteria or a virus.

Bats eat tons of harmful insects such as mosquitoes and other bugs that harm crops.

Photo courtesy U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bats with White Nose Syndrome have a white circle of fungus around their noses.

Look through your newspaper for stories about nature.

Next week, The Mini Page celebrates Halloween with a story about the radio broadcast of "The War of the Worlds."

The Mini Page thanks Dr. Jennifer Sass, Natural Resources Defense Council senior scientist, for help with this issue.

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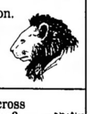
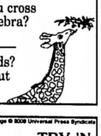
All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?



Lamont: How do lions like their meat cooked?
Mary: Medium roar!

Lacey: What do you get when you cross the Little Dipper with a zebra?
Sage: Stars and stripes!

Gabe: Why are giraffes considered loyal friends?
Nan: Because they always stick their necks out for you!



Basset Brown The News Hound's Vanishing Animals TRY 'N FIND

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Words that remind us of mysterious disappearances are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ANIMALS, FROG, AMPHIBIANS, BAT, BEE, HIVE, COLONY, COLLAPSE, DISORDER, CLIMATE, CHANGE, POLLUTION, PESTICIDES, SICKNESS, QUEEN, FOOD, EAT, POLLINATE, FUNGUS, BUG, FISH.

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The Mini Page provides ideas for Web sites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

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- www.fws.gov/Pollinators
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Breast cancer program at MVH

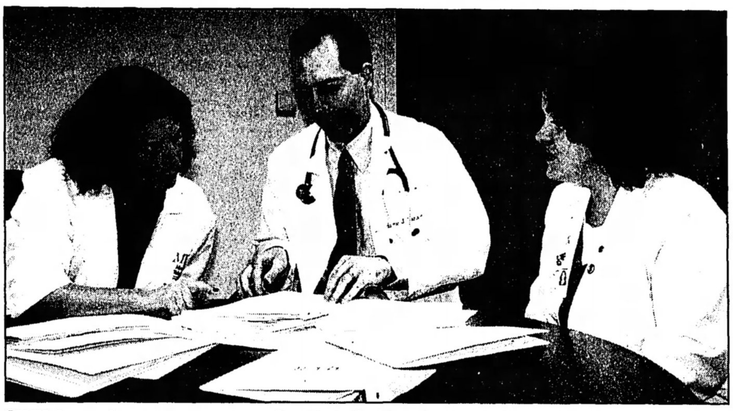
Hospital will offer information on screenings and mammograms.

Information will be plentiful — and valuable — when Monongahela Valley Hospital and the MVH Regional Cancer Care Center present a breast cancer luncheon, education program and screening Oct. 28.

The event will feature guest speakers with information on early detection and diagnosis. The event is free, open to all women and set to begin at 1 p.m. in the hospital's Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center.

John Bogdan, R.N., assistant vice president for nursing at Monongahela Valley Hospital, said the education theme is "most appropriate" because there will be an emphasis on the importance of mammograms in detecting breast cancer in its earliest stages.

Following the physical breast examinations by members of the hospital's medical staff, a mammogram will be scheduled for any woman who has an abnormal finding during the screening, women with family history of breast cancer, women who have never had a baseline mammogram or women who meet the recommended age guidellines.



MVH breast cancer surgeon Dr. Natalie Furgiuele, left, reviews plans for the upcoming breast cancer education program and screening with oncologist Dr. Andrew Zahalsky and nutritionist Krista Begonia, R.D., C.S.O., L.D.N. The event takes place at 1 p.m. Oct. 28 at MVH. Registration and additional information are available by calling (724) 258-1234.

"There is no reason why any woman should not or cannot have a mammogram, regardless of her ability to pay," Bogdan said. "That point will be emphasized at the Oct. 28 program and we will have information on mammography vouchers and other resources that are available to all women who need mammograms."

Enhancing the emphasis on mammograms will be presentations by Dr. Andrew Zahalsky, director of medical oncology at Monongahela Valley Hospital and Dr. Natalie Furgiuele, an MVH breast cancer surgeon. Both are long-time advocates of breast cancer awareness, particularly in the area of the importance of mammograms for women under age 50.

In addition to the physicians, radiology technologists and nutritionists from Monongahela Valley Hospital will participate in the Oct. 28 program to discuss breast cancer facts, techniques of performing breast self-examinations, and the importance of mammograms and mammography resources.

"Dr. Zahalsky and Dr. Furgiuele's clinical experiences and expertise will make the information they present most beneficial to the participants," Bogdan said.

Although the breast exams and educational program are free and open to all women, advance registration is required. For additional information and registration, call MVH at (724) 258-1234.

Early detection is most effective weapon

Experts say regular checkups are vital to staying healthy.

The best weapon against cancer is early detection. That's particularly true with women and the fear of breast cancer.

That always timely reminder comes from Monongahela Valley Hospital.

MVH and its Regional Cancer Center remind you that, with the help of a mammogram, lumps in the breast can be detected as much as five years before they can be found by normal physical examination. And cure rates improve greatly when cancer is discovered in that early stage.

According to the American Cancer Society in the United States, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer.

In this year alone, there will be 192,370 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 40,170 deaths from breast cancer. The chance of a woman having invasive breast cancer some time during her life is a little less than 1 in 8. The chance of dying from breast cancer is about 1 in 35.

The good news is that breast cancer death rates have been going down. This is probably the result of finding the cancer earlier and better treatment.

Right now there are more than 2? million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

Early detection is the best weapon women have against breast cancer.

Breast self-examinations, combined with regular physical checkups, and mammography are the most important things a woman can do to protect herself.

Every woman 20 years of age and older should make breast self-examinations a part of her monthly routine as a good health habit.

The best time for self-examination is approximately one week after the menstrual cycle. After menopause, women should check their breasts on the first day of the month as an easy reminder. After a hysterectomy, it is recommended that women consult with their doctor about the best time for breast self-examinations.

Most breast lumps are not cancer, but only a physician can make a diagnosis.

Women between the ages of 20 and 40 should have a physician examine their breasts every three years. For women over the age of 40, a physical examination is recommended annually.

Diagnostic testing also plays a major role in early breast cancer detection.

Mammography, a low-dose x-ray technique, produces a sharp detailed picture of breast tissue. The use of mammograms can detect lumps in the breasts as much as five years before a lump can be detected during a normal physical examination.

The American Cancer society recommends that women between the ages of 35 and 39 have a baseline mammogram done to be used for later comparison. Women 40 to 49 are urged to have a mammogram every year or two, depending on the relative risk for developing the disease. Women over 50 should have a mammogram every year.

Through early detection techniques provided by mammography and self breast examinations, women can increase their survival rate to over 85 percent.

Hospital sets weekly schedule

Monongahela Valley Hospital will offer the following programs next week:

■ Oct. 26 — Breast-feeding class, 6:30 p.m., Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township. This free class is designed for mothers who plan to breastfeed and to help them feel more comfortable and confident while in the hospital after delivery and when returning home. Many props are used in this class including breast pumps. Husbands and grandmothers are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call (724) 258-BABY (2229).

■ Oct. 27 — Mom's Shower, 11 a.m., Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center. If you are pregnant or have a child less than two years of age, you are invited to join MVH for a free Mom's Shower celebration. This event will feature lunch and a wealth of information for you and your baby. Free childcare is available for children age 1 and over. The event is held in conjunction with Community Action Southwest. Registration begins at 10:15 a.m., so come early. For more information, call 1-877-814-0788 ext. 440.

■ Oct. 27 — Public CPR instruction, 6 p.m., education conference center. Adult CPR classes are offered by the hospital in conjunction with Valley Health and Safety Training Center. A $30 fee is payable to VHSTC. Advance registration is required at (724) 684-9536.

■ Oct. 28 — Breast cancer screening and education program, 1 p.m., education conference center. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month has more than two decades of building breast cancer awareness, educating women about the importance of early detection and new treatment options.To encourage women to get mammograms on a regular basis, MVH will host an education and screening program with these key messages. Mammography screenings are a woman's best chance for detecting breast cancer early. The breast cancer screening and education program is free and will be conducted by MVH physicians and staff. To register, call (724) 258-1234.

■ Oct. 28 — Living Well Through The Seasons, 1 p.m., Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township. During this multidisciplinary approach to nutrition and fitness, health care professionals will educate and demonstrate to the audience healthy holiday eating, simple ways to achieve fitness and their health benefits, low-fat nutrition tips and stress management. Cooking demonstrations will be included as a part of the presentation. For more information or to register, call (724) 258-1320.

■ Oct. 28 — Advanced carbohydrate counting, 6 p.m., education conference center. Diabetes self-management class that focuses on carb counting with everything you need to know. How to measure the upward drive each meal has on blood sugar and information on the glycemic index. It is required that initial three-day Diabetes Self Management Training be completed prior to attending the carbohydrate counting class. At least one week advanced registration also is required. For more information or to register, call (724) 258-1148.

■ Oct. 29 — Red Cross blood drive, noon to 6 p.m., education conference center. American Red Cross, in cooperation with Monongahela Valley Hospital, will sponsor a blood drive on the hospital campus. For more information or to register, call (724) 494-4090 or online at redcrosslife.org.

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No excuses needed if you don't want to drink

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I was thrilled to read "Sober in Scottsdale's" (July 28) letter about drinking.

I'm a 21-year-old college student who has also struggled with choosing to be sober amidst the majority of my drunken peers.

Most people my age drink only to get drunk and appear to be unable to have fun without the aid of alcohol. Every activity must be performed under the influence.

While at a nightclub, one friend asked me how I was able to "dance and have a good time without being drunk."

Abby, in your response to "Sober," you said that drinkers should "mind their own business" because "there is usually a good reason why a person doesn't drink."

For me, there is no medical, metabolic or addiction problem that prevents me from consuming alcohol.

But I have seen the effects it has on my peers — putting them in drunken stupors, using awful judgment, and being taken to the hospital after blacking out.

I left the college of my choice after one month because I could no longer stand hearing people in the bathroom vomiting all night long. Drinkers aren't ashamed of these displays. They brag about them to their friends the next day.

I sure hope this stage is one that will pass with age.

I often long for the days when I was younger, when playing board games and sipping juice was considered a good time. — **NOT DRINKING IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR NOT DRINKING: Apparently binge drinking is still a rite of passage for some college students. I would like to address one comment you made in your letter. With some young people, binge drinking is a phase that passes as they learn their limit — but with others it can be a pattern that begins in their teens and sometimes even younger.

Read on for more comments from readers who feel as you do:

DEAR ABBY: I chose to be a non-drinker when my children became teenagers. I wanted to show them that I could have a good time without drinking, and I think it was an important lesson.

Parents need to seriously consider the messages they convey. I'm shocked that some allow underage drinking in their homes. One mother who had a party in her home told me the kids were drinking there for the "learning experience." I got so annoyed I asked her if she was also providing hookers, since many of the teens were probably sexually inexperienced too. She didn't know what to say. — **VENTING IN SOUTH WINDSOR, CONN.**

DEAR ABBY: You said there's usually a good reason why a person doesn't drink. Can't it just be my choice? I'm not an alcoholic, and I don't take medication that alcohol would react adversely with. I enjoy an occasional glass of wine or other alcoholic beverage, but I do not need to drink in order to have a good time. And there is nothing "wrong" with me if I choose to refrain from indulging. More people should make the same choice. — **CHERYL IN MADISON, ALA.**

DEAR ABBY: I choose not to drink so I can be the designated driver should the need arise. My dad was a member of AA.

And, quite frankly, I'd rather use my calories on cake than a drink. — **DESIGNATED DRIVER, CEDAR PARK, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: Why should a person need a reason not to drink? The question that should be asked is, "Why are these people drinking?"

Personally, I'm with "Scottsdale." I don't like the taste of alcohol, don't like the effects and, more important, I don't like the death statistics associated with drinkers and those unfortunates who end up in their paths. — **DONNA IN LAKE CITY, FLA.**

TUESDAY EVENING

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	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30	1 AM	1:30	2 AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (N) (10) Two and a Half Men	NCIS "Code of Conduct" A practical joke-loving Marine is found dead. (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Killshot" After a murder, secrets to classified software are thought to be lost. (N)		The Good Wife "Crash" Proving that a train company is responsible for a freight train crash. (N)		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(35) Late Show With David Letterman Kristin Davis; Barry Sonnenfeld.	(37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Ted Danson; Christopher Miller and Phil Lord.		(2) (37) Extra (7) (37) The Dr. Oz Show (10) (37) Paid Programming	(2) (37) Guthy-Renker.com (10) (37) Paid Programming	(2) (37) Paid Programming (7) (10) (37) Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) Action News at 6 (23) Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (N) (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment (23) Wheel-Fortune	Shark Tank (Season Finale) A urologist has an unusual business proposal. (N)		Dancing With the Stars Michael Jackson tribute; another elimination. (Live)		(:01) the forgotten "River John" A John Doe is found shot to death in a drainage tunnel. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Edward Norton; Paul Shaffer; the Sounds. (N)	(4) Oprah Winfrey (23) Paid Programming	(23) (:36) RENO 911!	(4) A Must See (23) Paid Prog	(4) Action News at 11 (23) Paid Prog
NBC (6) WJAC (8) WTOV (11) WPXI	(6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (8) News (N) (11) Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight Marie Osmond. (N) (8) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (8) (11) Wheel of Fortune	The Biggest Loser Teams head to the beach to dig for buried treasure. (N)				The Jay Leno Show Martha Stewart; Ludacris. (N)		(6) WJAC-TV News (8) News (11) Ch. 11 News	(35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Jon Hamm; Cobra Starship; Estelle.	(37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Seth Meyers; Chris Paul.		(36) Last Call With Carson Daly Ryan Friedling-haus.	(:05) Poker After Dark Taylor Caby; Cole South; Gabe Kaplan; David Benefield; Doyle Brunson; Eli Elezra.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) The Simpsons (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) That '70s Show (53) Two and a Half Men	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim: From Angel Stadium of Anaheim in Anaheim, Calif. (Live)						(8) Fox 8 News (N) (33) Seinfeld	(8) (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	(8) (:35) Seinfeld (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) Star Trek: The Next Generation (53) Frasier	(53) Slim Down Secrets	(8) My Name Is Earl (53) Paid Programming	(8) Paid Program (53) Free Money	(8) Paid Programming (53) George Lopez	(8) Paid Program (53) House of Payne
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ	Nova "Lizard Kings" (N) (DVS)		Frontline "The Warning" (N) (DVS)		Independent Lens "Butte, America" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ	Smart Travels: Europe	Frontline "The Warning" (DVS)		Nova "Lizard Kings" (DVS)	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office	The Office	90210 Adrianna deals with her breakup with Navid. (N)		Melrose Place Riley arrives at her photo shoot.		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Roseanne
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	Smarter	Smarter	Deal No	Deal No	Channel 11 News		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Medicine	Back Pain	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		Degree Life	Master	Joel Osteen	Joni, Frnds	Discovery	Quick Study	Newswatch	The Place for Miracles	Master		Focus 4		Gaither Homecoming Hour	
(59) WBGN	Punk'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!		*** Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1978) Donald Sutherland.				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds		The First 48		Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	(12:01) The First 48		Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	** The Goonies (1985, Adventure) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin.					Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Greek "Fight the Power"		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Get Ripped in 90 Days	
AMC	(5:30) **** Rain Man (1988) Dustin Hoffman.				*** Top Gun (1986, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis.					** Stripes (1981, Comedy) Bill Murray, Harold Ramis.					Mad Men		(:02) The Jewel of the Nile	
ANPL	Untamed and Uncut		Anaconda Adventure		Weird, True	Weird, True	Weird, True	Weird, True	Lost Tapes	Lost Tapes	Weird, True	Weird, True	Lost Tapes	Lost Tapes	Weird, True	Weird, True	Anaconda Adventure	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		You Are What You Eat		Dragon's Den (N)		BBC World News America		You Are What You Eat		Dragon's Den		You Are What You Eat		Dragon's Den	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)				The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Mo'Nique Show (N)		The Wendy Williams Show		The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game
BRAVO	Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out "Baby Boom"		Flipping Out "Baby Boom"		Million Dollar Listing		Flipping Out "Baby Boom"		Million Dollar Listing	
CMTV	Extreme Makeover: Home		Smarter	Smarter	Extreme Makeover: Home		World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents		Smarter	Smarter	** The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas (1982) Burt Reynolds.					Cribs
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Porn: Business		Executive Vision (N)		Biography on CNBC		Mad Money		Biography on CNBC		Executive Vision		Get Ripped	Paid Prog
CNN	Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	Relative	RENO 911!	Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily Show	Colbert	South Park	South Park	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs (N)		Ghost Lab "Smell of Fear"		Ghost Lab "Tombstone"		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Ghost Lab "Smell of Fear"	
DISNEY	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	** The Haunted Mansion (2003)			Phineas	Phineas	Montana	Wizards	So Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	K. Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	Take Miami	The Soup	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	** Never Been Kissed (1999) Drew Barrymore.				Lamas	Lamas	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Lamas	Lamas	Dating Show	Girls	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		E:60 (N)		30 for 30 (N)		World Series		World Series		SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	NFL Live (N)	SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	USFL Football: 1985 Championship				Boxing		PBA Bowling		PBA Bowling		AWA Wrestling		American Gladiators		Boxing		Boxing	
ESPN2	Horn	Interruption	Baseball	NFL Live	NFL's Greatest Game (N)			NFL's Greatest Game			30 for 30 (N)		SportsNation		NASCAR	World Series		World Series
EWTN	Choices	Theology	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Religious	Holy Rosary	Threshold of Hope		Christ	Priesthood	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Threshold of Hope	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge		Ace of Cakes		The Next Iron Chef		Chopped (N)		Good Eats	Unwrapped	The Next Iron Chef		Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Steelers	Mike Tomlin	Preffies	Jay Glazer	UEFA Champions League Soccer Inter-vs. Dynamo Kiev. (Taped)					Final Score	Preffies	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Final Score	Elite XC	Toughman
FX	(4:30) ** Ghost Rider (2007, Action)				*** The Italian Job (2003) Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron.				Sons of Anarchy "Gilead"		(:04) Sons of Anarchy		(12:07) Nip/Tuck		(:06) Sons of Anarchy		Franklin	Hair Club
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Golf Videos	Inside PGA	Golf		Top 10 (N)	Top 10	Big Break Disney Golf (N)		Haney	Golf Central	Top 10	Top 10	Big Break Disney Golf		Haney	Inside PGA
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		** Follow the Stars Home (2001, Drama)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	House	First Place	First Place	House	Bang, Buck	House	House	Property	First Place	House	Bang, Buck	House	House	Property	First Place
HIST	Mega Disasters		Modern Marvels		The Universe		The Universe (N)		How the Earth Was Made		Rogue Waves		(12:01) The Universe		(:01) The Universe		How the Earth Was Made	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Medium "Wicked Game"		Wife Swap		Sherri (N)	Rita Rocks	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Sherri	Rita Rocks	Will & Grace	Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show (N)		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
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Royal flush

Denver's Eddie Royal returned two kicks for touchdowns Monday as the Broncos remained unbeaten. **4B**

Valley SPORTS

Phillies take 3-1 lead

Jimmy Rollins had the game-winning hit Monday as Philadelphia topped the Dodgers with a ninth-inning rally. **2B**

Section champs again

The Belle Vernon Area girls clinched their fifth consecutive section title by beating Yough Monday. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Which Pittsburgh Steelers kicker did Jeff Reed replace in 2002? **2B**

Last night's games

San Jose 7, N.Y. Rangers 3
Los Angeles 4, Dallas 1
Edmonton 2, Vancouver 1

Brian **HERMAN**

Jackson playing in Portugal

Jackson

No one can say A.J. Jackson doesn't get around.

After leaving Monessen six years ago as the top all-time boys' scorer in basketball with 1,757 points, Jackson started his college career in Johnson City, Tenn., with one year at East Tennessee State before finishing closer to home at Robert Morris University.

With the Colonials, he scored 1,388 points, fifth on the school's all-time list. He made the Northeast Conference first team as a sophomore and the league's second team the following two campaigns.

After graduating from Robert Morris in 2008, Jackson had brief stints last year in Finland and the Philippines.

Jackson is getting another shot out of the country — this time in Portugal where he's one of the standouts on the Acadenis team that is 5-0 in the preseason.

The 6-6 Jackson is Acadenis' second leading scorer and rebounder behind another American, 6-8 Manuel "Scooby" Johnson, who starred at Division II Texas A&M University-Commerce after transferring from Division I Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Jackson will be in Portugal until May because the teams play only one game a week, with the regular season starting in November.

Incidentally, Jackson no longer lives in Monessen. He now makes his home in Pensacola, Fla.

■ The WPIAL Board of Control approved the transfer of two area athletes at Monday's monthly meeting.

They're freshman Dom Francia from Monessen to Belle Vernon Area and junior Thomas Sparrow from California to Uniontown.

Francia is a football and basketball player, while Sparrow is a baseballer.

WPIAL executive director Tim O'Malley is pleased to report that ejections and abusive language are down when it comes to soccer.

This year's ejections are at 56 and bad language offenses at seven among the WPIAL booters, compared to 78 and 22 a year ago.

■ Ringgold was the lone WPIAL school to finish among the top 10 in the state in the sixth annual Coaches vs Cancer fundraising program the past year.

Headed by athletic director Lloyd Price, Ringgold collected $3,306.73 to place seventh.

Central Bucks Basketball Association led the way, followed by St. Joseph's Prep, Holy Ghost Prep, Lasalle College High, Marple Newton and Neshaminy.

Ringgold was one of only three WPIAL schools to participate. The other two were Mohawk and Neshannock.

■ And thanks to Bob Roche of Belle Vernon who says money isn't everything — sometimes it isn't enough!

Ben NFL's top passer

Steelers' quarterback leads the league in passing yards.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Brady, Brees, Brett. Now, Big Ben?

Ben Roethlisberger is big on winning — he is 55-22 as a starter, the best record for any NFL quarterback not named Tom Brady.

Statistics? In the past, those were for the guys who didn't win Super Bowls; Roethlisberger has won two titles. Now, as coordinator Bruce Arians keeps opening up the Steelers' long-conservative offense, it's Roethlisberger — not Brady or Drew Brees or Brett Favre — who leads the NFL in passing.

Not even Terry Bradshaw did that in Pittsburgh and won Super Bowls, too.

Roethlisberger didn't finish in the top 10 in yards passing during either of the two seasons the Steelers won the Super Bowl with him, 2005 or 2008, and he's never finished higher than eighth.

After throwing for 417 yards Sunday while beating Cleveland 27-14 for the most by any Pittsburgh quarterback during a victory, Roethlisberger leads the NFL with 1,887 yards passing, 77 more than Houston's Matt Schaub. Roethlisberger also is No. 2 in completion percentage (72.5), No. 2 in yards per game (314.5) and No. 4 in passer rating (104.5).

"We're putting the ball in his hands," said wide receiver Hines Ward — though, in reality it's the other way around. "When you talk about the elite, he's right up there. He's definitely displaying the talents and abilities to be a great quarterback in this league."

There's been no major alteration in Roethlisberger's game that's led to his greatly increased statistics. Rather, it has been more of an ongoing progression, with former coordinator Ken Whisenhunt and now Arians increasingly handing over more of the offense to him.

Roethlisberger, for example, constantly pushed to run the

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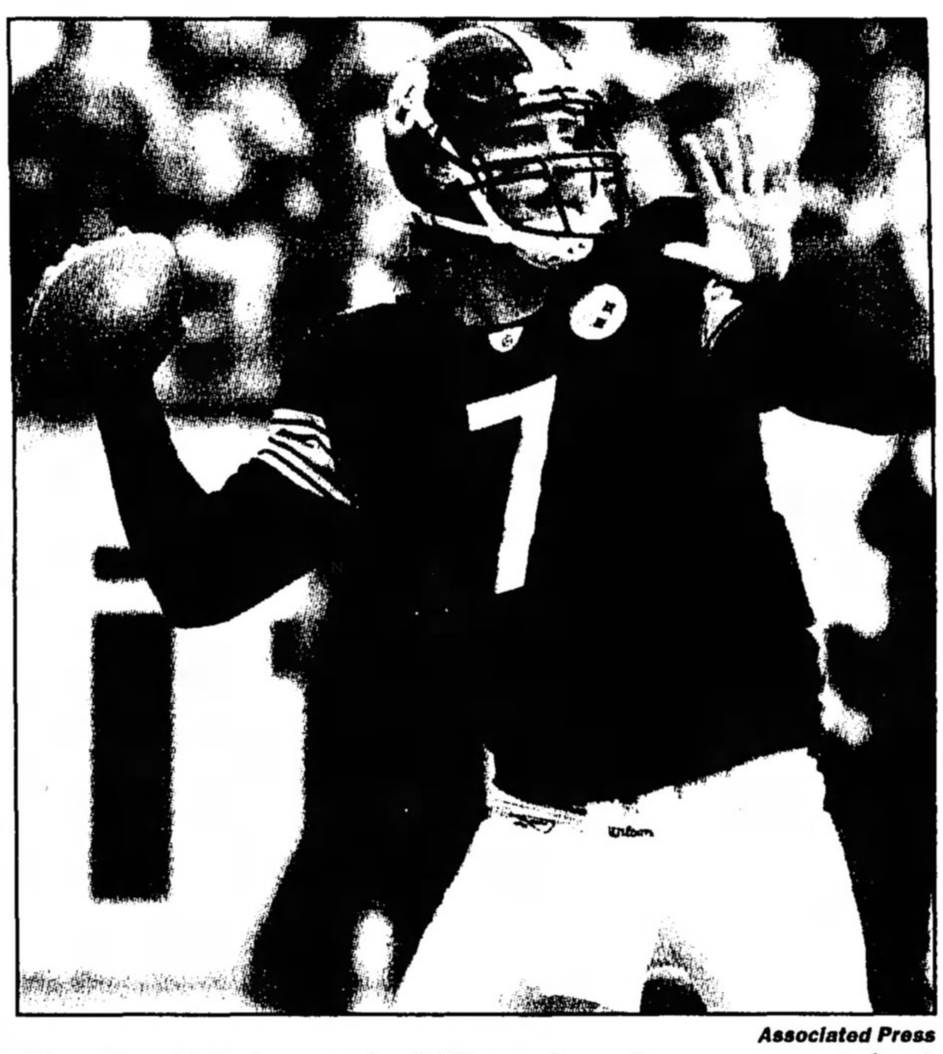
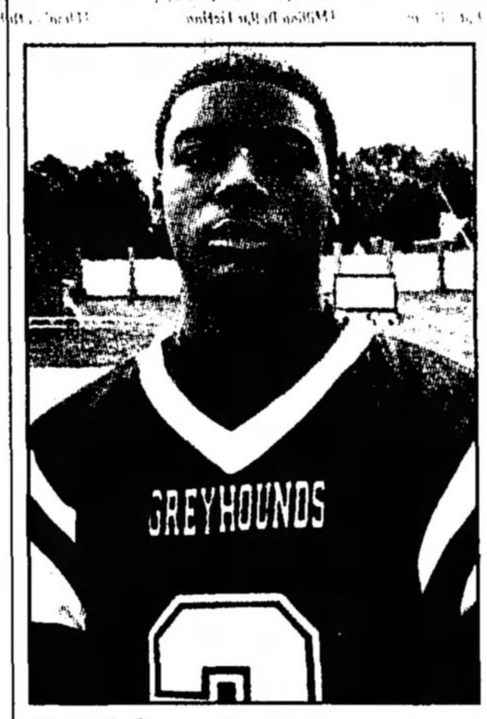


Associated Press

Ben Roethlisberger's 417-yard performance against Cleveland gave him the NFL lead in passing yardage.

Crenshaw Player of the Week



Brett Crenshaw

Junior had 174 yards and 3 touchdowns in win over Jeff-Morgan.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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It's too bad Monessen's Brett Crenshaw can't play all his games at Memorial Stadium.

In his varsity debut there, Crenshaw — a 5-11, 179-pound junior — ran for 198 yards and one touchdown in the Greyhounds' 40-12 romp over Mapletown.

In his second home game, Crenshaw erased a 6-0 Beth-Center lead by returning the kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown. He finished with a team-high 56 rushing yards in the Greyhounds' big 13-12 Tri-County South win over the Bulldogs.

Crenshaw came up with another big game in the rain Friday when he rushed for 174 yards on 11 carries and scored touchdowns on jaunts of 40, 17 and 32 yards in a 43-21 rout over Jefferson-Morgan.

With that showing against the Rockets, Crenshaw joins Charleroi's Quentin Briggs as a two-time *Valley Independent* Player of the Week.

Honorable mention:

■ Monessen's Trae Cook, who ran for 77 yards on eight carries and scored a pair of touchdowns.

■ Belle Vernon Area's Matt Green, who ran for 119 yards and scored a touchdown in the Leps' 21-13 win over Ringgold.

■ Belle Vernon Area's Brandon Dilmore, who scored one touchdown and threw for another.

■ Ringgold's Dylan Patch, who threw for 131 yards and a touchdown and ran for 58 yards and another score.

■ Bentworth's Ben Gregg, who ran for 120 yards and a pair of touchdowns and threw for 64 yards in the Bearcats' 28-18 victory over Avella.

■ Yough's Brandon Gelet, who threw for 112 yards in the Cougars' 49-13 loss to Uniontown.

Penguins off to flying start

Stanley Cup champions have kept their winning form.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — There's been no post-Stanley Cup slump yet for the champion Pittsburgh Penguins.

More like a Stanley Cup surge.

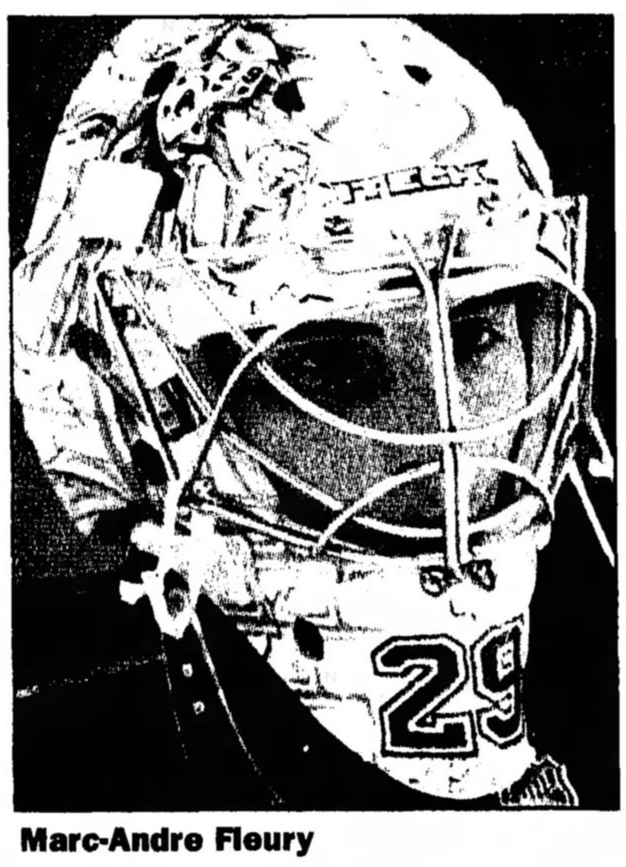
They are 7-1 with no losses yet in five road games. Marc-Andre Fleury leads all goaltenders with a 7-0 record. The Penguins also are getting the complementary scoring they've often lacked, and that's making up for slower-than-usual starts by captain Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

There was considerable talk before the season began about a possible letdown by a team that has played in two successive finals and won the Stanley Cup in June. Instead, the rest of the NHL might need to worry more about the Penguins not letting up.

Since coach Dan Bylsma took over in mid-February, the Penguins are 25-4-4 during the regular season — an average of slightly more than two losses per month.

"(I'm) pleased with the record and I think the guys are pleased with the record, but I think to a man we really haven't been at our best yet and haven't put together our game like we think we can or expect we will," Bylsma said Monday. "There are areas we know we have to improve on if we want to be a good team. We have a long way to go."

The Penguins, according to Fleury, talked from the start of camp about the necessity of being ready to play nightly.



Marc-Andre Fleury

They've looked flat and unprepared only once, a 3-0 loss at home to Phoenix on Oct. 7, but they've won five in a row since.

"It's something we heard a lot about coming to training camp, coming into the beginning of the season," said Fleury, who is making a strong push to be included on Canada's Olympic team. "We knew that every night was going to be a tough night and teams would want to beat us, so we've been ready and played good hockey."

Bylsma did exactly what Steelers coach Mike Tomlin did by eliminating all talk of the championship season once training camp began — and, for the Penguins, that was only three months to the day after they beat Detroit 2-1 in Game 7.

The shift in focus appears to be working. The Penguins are playing confidently but appear to be lacking the attitude they can beat teams simply on talent.

"I'm happy," Malkin said. "The team is playing great."

Bill Guerin, at 38 their oldest player, likes how the Penguins are playing with the edge and desire of a team that's yet to win a championship rather than one that's trying to repeat. He also likes how new additions Jay McKee and Mike Rupp have smoothly made the transition from other systems.

"I think when things are going well, that's the time to push harder," Guerin said. "I think Dan has a good handle on what we need to do to stay focused each and every night. It hasn't been a grind yet, there are a lot of peaks and valleys during the season. Right now, we have to make sure we're bearing down and riding the wave."

Malkin (3 goals, 10 points) and Crosby (4 goals, 7 points) aren't slumping, but neither has matched the eruptive start by Washington's Alex Ovechkin (9 goals, 16 points in eight games). Crosby went into Monday's games 34th in scoring and Malkin, last year's scoring champion, was 14th.

However, the Capitals recently went 0-2-2 during a four-game stretch; the Penguins have lost only four regular-season games in regulation in eight months. They play again tonight , meeting St. Louis in the second of five consecutive home games.

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SPORTS

Phils rally past L.A.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — These Fightin' Phils are quite the comeback kids.

Jimmy Rollins lined a two-run double with two outs in the ninth inning off All-Star closer Jonathan Broxton and the Philadelphia Phillies rallied past the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-4 Monday night for a 3-1 lead in the NL championship series.

The defending World Series champions can earn their second consecutive pennant with a victory at home in Game 5 on Wednesday night. Cole Hamels, last year's NLCS and World Series MVP, will take the mound for the Phillies. Clayton Kershaw or Vicente Padilla will start for Los Angeles.

"We believe in ourselves. We believe in our ability. We know that there's 27 outs," Rollins said after Philadelphia's fourth comeback win in the postseason. "As long as you continue to believe in good things, I believe and I think we believe that good things will happen."

The Phillies led the NL with 43 comeback wins during the regular season.

"We always talk about it ... 27 outs to close out the game and you stay there until it's over like Yogi (Berra) said," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Trailing 4-3, the Phillies started their rally with one out in the ninth when pinch-hitter Matt Stairs walked on four pitches against Broxton. Stairs hit a two-run homer off Broxton in Game 4 of the NLCS last year at Dodger Stadium.

Broxton hit Carlos Ruiz with a pitch, but pinch-hitter Greg Dobbs looped a soft liner to third for the second out.

Rollins, just 3 for 18 in the series to that point, ripped a 99 mph fastball to right-center and the ball rolled to the wall. Andre Ethier's throw toward the infield was high and off line, and Ruiz slid home without a play.

Rollins pointed in the air as he rounded second and got mobbed by teammates at third base. Even Jamie Moyer, who just had surgery on his lower abdomen, limped out and joined the celebration.

"I'm all right. I had to curl up in the fetal position and throw some punches of my own," Rollins said before taking a cream pie in the face from a teammate.

It was the second thrilling ending to a playoff game Monday. Hours earlier, Jeff Mathis hit an RBI double with two outs in the 11th inning to give the Los Angeles Angels a 5-4 victory over the New York Yankees in Game 3 of the AL championship series.

It was the sixth time two postseason games have ended in walk-off fashion on the same day, according to STATS LLC. The previous time was Oct. 5, 2007, when Boston beat the Angels and Cleveland topped the Yankees in AL division series.

Brad Lidge got two outs in the ninth to earn the win. Ryan Howard hit a two-run homer that gave him eight straight postseason games with at least one RBI, tying Lou Gehrig's major league record set more than seven decades ago.

But J-Roll got the biggest hit for Philadelphia.

Lady Leps wrap up section title

Seniors honored for 54-0-2 record over four seasons.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

The Belle Vernon Area High girls' soccer team clinched its fifth straight section title with a 4-1 win over Yough on senior night Monday.

"This group of seniors went 54-0-2 in section play during their four years," said BVA coach Paul Sasko. "And we were able to get Jocelyn (Connolly) on the field."

Sasko was referring to his injured returning leading scorer. Connolly, who scored 25 goals a year ago, suffered a knee injury during the off-season and missed the season.

"(Yough coach) T.D. Dayton made a nice gesture of sportsmanship as he played the ball out (of bounds) so Jocelyn could start," said Sasko.

Marla Sasko recorded a hat trick for the Lady Leps with Michelle Miele getting the other goal.

BVA (14-2-2, 12-0-2) shared the Class AAA Section 6 crown with Southmoreland after the teams played to a pair of 1-1 ties.

Elizabeth Forward 4, Ringgold 3

The Lady Warriors finished a game ahead of the Lady Rams in the battle for fourth place in Class AAA Section 5.

Angela Beck, Ashley McMahon and Angela Selby scored for Ringgold (6-11, 4-8)

"It was a very good game and the girls played hard," said Ringgold coach Tom Cameron. "We will regroup and gear up and come back strong for next year."

Elizabeth Forward (6-10-1, 5-7) is at Thomas Jefferson tonight in an exhibition contest.

East Allegheny 4, Monessen 3, OT

Natawsja Sosnak scored twice and Chontae Turner once for Monessen (4-10-1, 2-9-1) in its Class AA Section 6 finale.

The Lady Greyhounds head to Charleroi today for an exhibition contest.

Bentworth 5, Beth-Center 3

Heather Podroskey scored three goals and Samantha Ritzer added two goals and two assists for the Lady Bearcats (9-8, 5-6) in the Class AA Section 1 contest.

Angels win in 11th

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Sorry, Disneyland. The best roller coaster ride in Orange County on Monday was at Angel Stadium.

Six homers by the Angels and Yankees. A late lead change. Extra innings — again. A winning hit by a backup catcher who batted .211 this season.

Now that's a ride — and for Jeff Mathis, the AL championship series was the happiest place on Earth.

Mathis drove home Howie Kendrick with a two-out double in the 11th inning, and the Angels survived a second straight thriller, beating New York 5-4 Monday to trim the Yankees' series lead to 2-1.

The Yankees' first loss of the postseason might have stunned some people. New York had a three-run lead in the fifth inning with Andy Pettitte on the mound, looking to stand alone as baseball's winningest postseason pitcher.

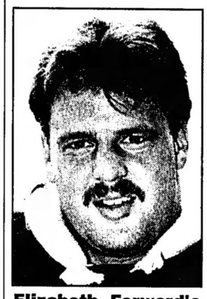
Instead, Kendrick and Vladimir Guerrero erased the lead with homers — and the real fun in this 261-minute epic hadn't even really begun.

"Anyone who thought we were going to breeze through a series with the Angels is crazy," said New York's Mark Teixeira, the former Angels slugger who made several strong defensive plays. "This is a great team, and they came to play today."

Kendrick, himself a part-time infielder, homered and tripled before singling with two outs in the 11th off rookie Alfredo Aceves. Mathis followed with his drive up against the left-field wall, and Kendrick slid home well ahead of a desperate throw, setting off an on-field celebration of the backups' bonanza.

Mathis came up with his third late-inning, extra-base hit of this outlandish series.

REMEMBER when?



Elizabeth Forward's Pete Rostosky played for the Steelers in 1986.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Belle Vernon Area knocked off previously unbeaten Thomas Jefferson, 24-13, with Brian Chorba throwing an 11-yard touchdown pass to Dave Legg and running for a score.

20 Years Ago

Belle Vernon Area rallied from a 2-0 deficit to beat Ringgold, 3-2, in overtime on Mike Posey's 26th goal.

10 Years Ago

Playing a man down for 63 minutes after Dave Seydor was red-carded and ejected, Belle Vernon Area edged Uniontown, 3-2, as goalie Jim Fowler made 19 saves.

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by Johnathon M. Wells

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SPORTS DIGEST

Charleroi wins, makes playoffs

The Charleroi High boy's soccer team edged Beth-Center, 3-2, Monday to clinch a spot in the WPIAL Class A playoffs.

John Adomaitis scored twice for the Cougars (10-6, 7-4) with Mitch Wytovich getting the other goal.

"We didn't play well," said Charleroi coach George Watkins. "But Beth-Center is much improved since the start of the season."

Charleroi hosts Monessen today.

California's Beck tourney medalist

California High's Dave Beck shared medalist honors in the WPIAL Division II Team Tournament at Cedarbrook with a five-over par 77 Monday.

The Trojans, however, had to settle for fifth place in the six-team field on their home course with a 442. Following Beck were Zac Edmiston (83), Tyler Van Olst (89), Phil Langley (96), Nick Roberts (97) and Dom Roach (99).

Canevin finished first at 412 followed by Sewickley Academy (414), Neshannock (4150 and South Fayette (436) with Seton-LaSalle (4456) sixth.

Latrobe was the Division I winner at 397 followed by Fox Chapel (404), Central Catholic (411), Peters Township (412), Bethel Park (415) and Penn-Trafford (423).

Latrobe's Ben Grebre shot a 73 for medalist honors.

Charleroi rallies, stays unbeaten

Charleroi Middle School's basketball teams cored the final seven points in the closing two minutes to pull out a 24-21 win over Avella to stay unbeaten.

Jordan Swarmer topped the LIttle Cougars (14-0) with 8 points.

BVA volleyballers lose to Beth-Center

Belle Vernon Area was a 3-0 volleyball loser to Beth-Center. Bryana Lewis and Justina Szakal both had four kills and Ashley Fiorino and Michelle Baxendell both had four aces in the Lady Leps' 25-20, 25-16 and 25-18 defeats.

BVA booters shade Trinity

Belle Vernon Area Junior High's soccer team upped its record to 14-1 with a 3-2 win over Trinity.

Josh Page scored all three goals with David Kost, Eric Resetar and Alan Robinson each getting an assist.

Ian Ritchie had his second straight shutout.

BVA resumes today at 4:15 p.m. at Baldwin.

BVA cagers split with Wendover

Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball teams split with Wendover.

Megan Staley scored 11 points as the eighth graders (12-8) lost 42-23.

Bria Rathway (11) and Kairlin Thomas (10) combined for 21 points as the seventh graders won 29-14 to up their record to 10-1.

Monessen loses to Washington

Monessen Middle School's basketball team lost to Washington, 22-10.

Mariah Johnson's six points were high for Monessen (5-9).

Ringgold fifth in cross-country

Ringgold finished fifth in the Washington County Coaches Cross Country meet at Mingo Park Monday.

John Sendek made the best showing for the Rams with a tenth place finish at 18:39. Trinity's Mike Standish had a winning time of 16:52.

Canon-McMillan was the team winner.

Agent: Reed didn't try to fight police

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers kicker Jeff Reed didn't threaten to fight with police outside a Pittsburgh bar on Sunday, his agent said.

Atlanta-based agent Don Henderson told Pittsburgh media outlets on Monday that Reed didn't raise his fists in front of police outside a bar Sunday and that officers were to blame. The bar is a couple of blocks from Heinz Field, where Reed kicked two field goals in the team's 27-14 over the Cleveland Browns a few hours earlier.

Police Lt. Michael Piasecki said Reed, who was leaving the bar with his parents, argued with officers who arrived to cite Reed's teammate, backup tight end Matt Spaeth, for disorderly conduct for allegedly urinating in a parking lot.

Trivia answer

Todd Peterson.

SPORTS

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Peters Township	10	0	0	13	2	1
Upper St. Clair	8	2	0	15	2	0
Canon-McMillan	5	4	1	9	7	1
Moon	3	6	1	6	9	2
Ringgold	3	7	0	9	7	0
Trinity	0	10	0	2	15	0

Monday
Upper St. Clair 1, T. Jefferson 0
Today
Shaler at C-McMillan

Class AA
Section 3

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
South Park	12	1	0	15	2	0
S'moreland	11	1	1	12	3	1
BV Area	7	4	2	10	5	2
Th. Jefferson	7	5	1	8	7	1
Elizabeth Fwd.	7	6	0	9	8	0
Steel Valley	4	9	0	5	10	0
Uniontown	2	11	0	3	14	0
Yough	0	13	0	0	14	0

Monday
South Park 8, Uniontown 0
Today
Yough at BV Area
Elizabeth at T. Jefferson
South Park at Steel Valley
Uniontown at S'moreland

Class A
Section 1

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Grb. Central	13	0	0	13	4	0
Trinity Christian	10	3	0	11	6	0
Serra	9	4	0	12	5	0
Winch. Thurston	7	5	1	8	6	1
Geibel	6	7	0	10	7	0
California	4	8	1	7	10	1
South Allegheny	2	11	0	2	13	0
Brownsville	0	13	0	0	17	0

Monday
Serra 9, Brownsville 0
Today
California at Grb. Central
Geibel at Brownsville
Serra at South Allegheny
W. Thurston at Trinity Christian

Section 4

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Carlynton	10	0	1	14	1	2
Bentworth	8	2	1	7	7	1
Charleroi	7	4	0	10	6	0
C-Houston	6	5	1	6	9	2
Monessen	2	7	2	5	9	2
Beth-Center	2	9	0	6	10	0
Brentwood	1	9	1	2	11	1

Monday
Charleroi 3, Beth-Center 2
Today
Monessen at Charleroi
Beth-Center at Bentworth
Carlynton at Brentwood
C-Houston at Sacred Heart

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Mt. Lebanon	11	1	0	13	3	0
Canon-McMillan	10	2	0	13	5	0
Upper St. Clair	9	3	0	9	6	2
Elizabeth	5	7	0	6	10	1
Ringgold	4	8	0	6	10	1
Trinity	3	9	0	6	11	0
West Mifflin	0	12	0	2	15	0

Monday
Elizabeth 4, Ringgold 3
C-McMillan 5, Trinity 0
Mt. Lebanon 3, Upper St. Clair 0
Steel Valley 3, West Mifflin 1

Section 6

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
S'moreland	12	0	2	13	1	2
BV Area	12	0	2	14	2	2
Connellsville	9	5	0	10	8	0
Waynesburg	7	7	0	9	9	0
Yough	6	8	0	9	9	0
Laurel Highlands	5	9	0	6	12	0
Uniontown	3	11	0	4	13	0
Albert Gallatin	0	14	0	0	16	0

Monday
BV Area 4, Yough 1
S'moreland 4, Connellsville 0
Uniontown 4, L. Highlands 1
Waynesburg 9, Albert Gallatin 0

Class AA
Section 1

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
South Park	12	0	0	15	1	1
South Fayette	9	3	0	10	7	1
McGuffey	9	3	0	11	6	0
Bentworth	5	6	0	9	8	0
Charleroi	4	7	0	7	9	0
Beth-Center	1	11	0	3	12	0
C-Houston	1	11	0	1	16	1

Monday
Bentworth 5, Beth-Center 3
McGuffey 4, C-Houston 1
South Park 4, South Fayette 0

Section 6

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Mt. Pleasant	11	1	0	14	4	0
Grb. Central	10	2	0	14	3	1
Geibel	8	4	0	10	6	0
Jeannette	5	5	1	7	8	2
Monessen	2	9	1	4	10	1
East Allegheny	2	9	0	3	11	0
St. Joseph	1	9	0	3	11	0

Today
East Allegheny 4, Monessen 3
Mt. Pleasant 3, Geibel 2
Grb. Central 3, Jeannette 0

Lambert poll

Division I

	W-L	Points
1. Cincinnati	6-0	159
2. Penn State	6-1	143
3. Pittsburgh	6-1	129
4. West Virginia	5-1	109
6. Boston College	5-2	78
5. South Florida	5-1	92
7. Connecticut	4-2	63
8. Navy	5-2	46
9. Rutgers	4-2	35
10. Temple	4-2	25

Division II

	W-L	Points
1. Bloomsburg	8-0	160
2. California	6-2	144
3. Bentley	7-1	114
4. Shippensburg	6-2	100
5. Edinboro	6-2	98
6. East Stroudsburg	6-2	76
7. Clarion	5-3	62
8. Assumption	5-2	30
9. Southern Conn. St.	5-3	28
10. Merrimack	5-2	26

B.J. Crombeen and the Blues will face the Penguins at 7 p.m. on Versus.

Sports dial

Today
Television
4 p.m. - TNT - Grand Slam of Golf, tape.
7 p.m. - Versus - St. Louis at Pittsburgh, hockey.
8 p.m. - WPGH - New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels, baseball.
Radio
7 p.m. - WXDX (105.9 FM) - St. Louis at Pittsburgh, hockey.
8 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels, baseball.

Baseball playoffs

Monday
Los Angeles 5, New York 4, 11 innings, New York leads series 2-1
Philadelphia 5, Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia leads series 3-1
Tuesday
New York (Sabathia 19-8) at Los Angeles (Kazmir 10-9), 7:57 p.m.

NLCS boxscore

LOS ANGELES	ab	r	h	bi	PHILADELPHIA	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	5	0	1	0	Rollins ss	5	1	2	2
Kemp cf	4	2	1	1	Victorn cf	3	1	1	0
Ethier rf	4	0	0	0	Utley 2b	3	0	1	1
MRmrz lf	4	2	1	0	Howard 1b	3	1	1	2
Pierre lf	0	0	0	0	Werth rf	4	0	0	0
Loney 1b	4	0	2	1	Ibanez lf	4	0	0	0
Bellird 2b	3	0	1	0	P.Feliz 3b	3	0	0	0
Broxtn p	0	0	0	0	Stairs ph	0	0	0	0
RMartn c	3	0	1	1	Brntlttt pr	0	1	0	0
Blake 3b	4	0	1	1	C.Ruiz c	2	1	0	0
Wolf p	3	0	0	0	Blanton p	2	0	0	0
Belisari p	0	0	0	0	Park p	0	0	0	0
Kuo p	0	0	0	0	BFrncs ph	1	0	0	0
Sherrill p	0	0	0	0	Madson p	0	0	0	0
OHudsn 2b	1	0	0	0	S.Eyre p	0	0	0	0
					Lidge p	0	0	0	0
					Dobbs ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	4	8	4	Totals	31	5	5	5

Los Angeles	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	— 4
Philadelphia	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	— 5

Two outs when winning run scored.
E—P.Feliz (1). LOB—Los Angeles 8, Philadelphia 6. 2B—Rollins (2). 3B—Victorino (1). HR—Kemp (1), Howard (2). SB—Furcal (1), Belliard (1), Blake (1). CS—Ethier (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Wolf	5 1-3	4	3	3	2	2
Belisario H,1	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Kuo H,1	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Sherrill H,1	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Broxton L,0-1	1	1	2	2	1	0
Philadelphia						
Blanton	6	6	4	3	2	2
Park	1	0	0	0	1	1
Madson	1	1	0	0	1	2
S.Eyre	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Lidge W,1-0	2-3	0	0	0	0	2

WP—Elbert. PB—R.Martin.
Umpires—Home, Sam Holbrook; First, Ted Barrett; Second, Tom Hallion; Third, Gary Cederstrom; Right, Bruce Dreckman; Left, Randy Marsh.
T—3:12. A—45,721 (43,647).

ALCS boxscore

NEW YORK	ab	r	h	bi	LOS ANGELES	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	6	1	1	1	Figgins 3b	5	0	1	0
Damon lf	5	1	1	1	BAreu rf	4	1	2	0
MaRiv p	0	0	0	0	TrHntr cf	5	0	1	0
Cervelli ph	1	0	0	0	Guerrr dh	4	1	2	2
DrTsn p	0	0	0	0	JRiver lf	5	0	0	0
Aceves p	0	0	0	0	KMorls 1b	5	0	0	0
Teixeir 1b	3	0	0	0	HKndrc 2b	5	3	3	1
ARdrgz 3b	4	1	1	1	Napoli c	2	0	0	0
HMatsu dh	2	0	1	0	Mlzturs ph	0	0	0	1
Grdnr prdh	0	0	0	0	JMaths c	2	0	2	1
Hrstnr dh	f1	0	0	0	EAyar ss	3	0	2	0
Posada c	4	1	2	1					
Cano 2b	5	0	2	0					
Swisher rf	4	0	0	0					
McCarr cf	5	0	0	0					
Totals	40	4	8	4	Totals	40	5	13	5

New York	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	— 4
Los Angeles	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	— 5

Two outs when winning run scored.
DP—New York 2, LOB—New York 10, Los Angeles 7. 2B—B.Abreu (1), J.Mathis 2 (3), E.Aybar (1). 3B—H.Kendrick (1). HR—Jeter (2), Damon (1), A.Rodriguez (2), Posada (1), Guerrero (1), H.Kendrick (1). SB—E.Aybar (2). CS—Gardner (1), Tor.Hunter (1). S—E.Aybar, SF—M.Izturis.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Pettitte	6 1-3	7	3	3	1	2
Chamberlain	1-3	2	1	1	0	0
D.Marte	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Coke	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
P.Hughes	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Ma.Rivera	1	0	0	0	1	0
D.Robertson	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Aceves L,0-1	0	2	1	1	0	0
New York						
Jer.Weaver	5	5	3	3	3	4
Oliver	1 2-3	1	0	0	1	3
Jepsen	1 1-3	2	1	1	2	1
Fuentes	1	0	0	0	1	2
Buiger	1	0	0	0	0	2
E.Santana W,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1

P.Hughes pitched to 1 batter in the 10th.
Aceves pitched to 2 batters in the 11th.
Umpires—Home, Bill Miller; First, Jerry Layne; Second, Fieldin Culbreth; Third, Dale Scott; Right, Laz Diaz; Left, Tim McClelland.
T—4:21. A—44,911 (45,257).

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	Con.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
T. Jefferson	4	0	7	0
Chartiers Valley	4	1	6	1
West Mifflin	2	2	5	2
BV Area	2	2	4	3
Trinity	2	3	2	5
Elizabeth Forward	1	3	4	3
Ringgold	0	4	2	5

Friday
BV Area at T. Jefferson
Chartiers Valley at Elizabeth
West Mifflin at Ringgold

Keystone Conference

	Con.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Greensburg Salem	4	0	6	1
Laurel Highlands	3	1	3	4
Uniontown	3	1	4	3
Derry	2	2	2	5
Albert Gallatin	2	3	3	4
Yough	1	4	1	6
S'moreland	0	4	0	7

Friday
Grb. Salem at Laurel Highlands
Albert Gallatin at Derry
Uniontown at S'moreland
Yough at Trinity

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Mt. Pleasant	7	0	7	0
Charleroi	5	2	5	2
Jeannette	5	2	5	2
McGuffey	5	2	5	2
Washington	5	2	5	2
Greensburg Central	5	2	5	2
Waynesburg	2	5	2	5
Brownsville	1	6	1	6
South Allegheny	0	7	0	7
East Allegheny	0	7	0	7

Friday
Charleroi at Washington
Jeannette at Mt. Pleasant
Brownsville at East Allegheny
Waynesburg at McGuffey

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Monessen	5	0	5	2
Beth-Center	4	1	5	2
Jefferson-Morgan	3	2	5	2
California	3	2	4	3
Carmichaels	3	2	3	4
Geibel	1	4	2	5
Mapletown	1	4	1	6
West Greene	0	5	0	7

Friday
Monessen at Carmichaels
Jeff-Morgan at California
Geibel at Mapletown
West Greene at Beth-Center

Black Hills Conference

	Con.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Clairton	5	0	6	1
Serra	4	1	6	1
Fort Cherry	3	2	5	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	3	4	3
Burgettstown	2	3	3	4
Frazier	2	3	3	4
Bentworth	1	4	2	5
Avella	1	4	2	5

Friday
Clairton at Avella
Frazier at Serra
C-Houston at Bentworth
Burgettstown at Fort Cherry

Youth football

Belle Vernon Midget League
Consolation Game
Belle Vernon Wildcats 46, Yough Silver 6

Playoffs Semifinals

Fayette City	0	0	13	7	- 20
LaGrange	7	14	13	7	- 41

LaGrange - Zac Spate (25, run) Dalton Nayulor (PAT)
LaGrange - Dalton Naylor (32, run) Zac Spate (PAT)
LaGrange - Dalton Naylor (42, run) Zac Spate (PAT)
Fayette City - Josh Hall(1, run)
LaGrange - Zac Spate (44, run)
Fayette City - Matt Brown (7, run) Matt Brown (pass from Josh Hall).
LaGrange-Zac Spate (48,run) Daltion Naylor (PAT)
Fayette City - Matt Brown (1,run) Joey Ivan (PAT)
LaGrange - Zac Spate (53, run) Dalton Naylor (PAT)

Wash. Twp.	0	0	0	7	- 7
Yough Green	0	13	7	6	- 26

Yough Green - Jordan Pore (64, run)
Yough Green - Eric Borkovich (33, run) Eric Borkovich (PAT)
Yough Green - Eric Borkovich (26, fumble retirn) Matt Shipley (PAT)
Yough Green - Jordan Pore (37, run)
Wash Twp. - Derrick Sisley (3, run) Derrick Sisley (PAT)

Saturday
At Brewer Stadium
Consolation Games
11 a.m. - Yough Silver (0-8) vs Washington Township (3-3-1)
1 p.m. - Fayette City (5-3) vs Belle Vernon (2-6)
Championship
3 p.m. - Yough Green (6-1-1) vs LaGrange (7-1)

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
California	5	0	6	2
Edinboro	4	1	6	2
Clarion	4	1	5	3
Mercyhurst	3	2	4	4
Slippery Rock	2	3	5	3
Indiana	1	4	4	4
Gannon	1	4	3	5
Lock Haven	0	5	0	7

Saturday
Noon - Edinboroa at Mercyhurst
1 p.m. - California at Slippery Rock; Indiana at Clarion; Lock Haven at Gannon

Big East football

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Pittsburgh	3	0	6	1
Cincinnati	2	0	6	0
West Virginia	1	0	5	1
USF	1	1	5	1
Connecticut	1	1	4	2
Rutgers	0	2	4	2
Louisville	0	2	2	4
Syracuse	0	2	2	4

Friday
Rutgers at Army, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	8	7	1	0	14	28	18
N.Y. Rangers	9	7	2	0	14	35	22
New Jersey	7	4	3	0	8	18	19
Philadelphia	6	3	2	1	7	21	19
N.Y. Islanders	6	0	3	3	3	13	23

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	7	5	2	0	10	22	16
Buffalo	6	4	1	1	9	18	12
Boston	7	3	4	0	6	20	23
Montreal	7	2	5	0	4	15	24
Toronto	7	0	6	1	1	14	32

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	8	4	2	2	10	29	24
Atlanta	5	4	1	0	8	20	13
Tampa Bay	7	2	3	2	6	17	27
Carolina	7	2	4	1	5	15	22
Florida	6	2	4	0	4	14	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	8	5	2	1	11	29	23
Columbus	6	5	1	0	10	18	12
St. Louis	6	3	2	1	7	19	15
Detroit	7	3	3	1	7	22	25
Nashville	7	2	4	1	5	10	23

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	8	6	1	1	13	28	18
Calgary	8	5	2	1	11	30	28
Edmonton	8	5	2	1	11	30	22
Vancouver	8	3	5	0	6	23	25
Minnesota	7	1	6	0	2	15	25

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	9	5	2	1	11	32	26
Phoenix	7	5	2	0	10	18	10
Los Angeles	9	5	4	0	10	28	29
Dallas	8	3	2	3	9	25	24
Anaheim	7	3	3	1	7	16	21

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's Games
San Jose 7, N.Y. Rangers 3
Los Angeles 4, Dallas 1
Edmonton 2, Vancouver 1
Today's Games
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Columbus	13	6	10	49	41	30
Chicago	10	7	12	42	38	34
New England	10	10	9	39	32	37
Toronto FC	10	10	9	39	37	41
D.C.	9	8	12	39	41	42
Kansas City	8	13	8	32	31	40
New York	4	19	6	18	22	47

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Houston	12	8	9	45	36	27
x-Los Angeles	11	6	12	45	34	31
x-Chivas USA	13	9	6	45	32	27
x-Seattle	11	7	11	44	36	28
Colorado	10	9	10	40	42	35
FC Dallas	11	12	6	39	49	45
Real Salt Lake	10	12	7	37	40	35
San Jose	7	13	9	30	36	48

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched conference

Thursday
Chivas USA at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Saturday
Toronto FC at New York, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
FC Dallas at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	163	91
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	114	104
Miami	2	3	0	.400	112	106
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	93	129

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	120	147
Houston	3	3	0	.500	143	137
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	84	198

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	118	118
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	140	112
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	69	148

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	133	66
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	124	136
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	62	139
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	98	144

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	1	0	.833	178	119
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	122	98
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	136	99
Washington	2	4	0	.333	79	96

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	5	0	0	1.000	192	93
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	123	77
Carolina	2	3	0	.400	85	125
Tampa Bay	0	6	0	.000	89	168

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	0	0	1.000	189	121
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	130	93
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	119	99
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	103	188

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	98
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	112	92
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	6	0	.000	54	169

Monday's Game
Denver 34, San Diego 23
Sunday, Oct. 25
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New England at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Cincinnati, 4:15 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 4:15 p.m.
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 26
Philadelphia at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

NBA preseason

Monday's Games
Atlanta 113, Washington 95
Orlando 101, Chicago 98
Houston 105, Oklahoma City 85
Today's Games
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas vs. Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio vs. Oklahoma City at Austin, Texas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Golden State vs. L.A. Lakers at Ontario, Calif., 10 p.m.
Maccoui at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League
SEATTLE MARINERS—Announced C Kenji Johjima has opted out of the final two years of his contract. Announced third-base coach Bruce Hines will not return for the 2010 season.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Waived G Jerel McNeal and G Anthony Roberson.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Waived G Devin Green and G Mustafa Shakur.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Suspended Carolina DB Dante Wesley one game for a flagrant violation of player safety rules during an Oct. 18 game at Tampa Bay.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Traded a 2010 fifth-round draft pick to Kansas City for DT Tank Tyler.
NEW YORK JETS—Placed NT Kris Jenkins on injured reserve.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Placed LB Jeff Ulbrich on injured reserve. Signed LB Matt Wilhelm.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS—Assigned F Guillaume Lefebvre to Providence (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Placed D Cory Murphy on waivers.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned F Ryan Hillier to Hartford (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Matt Smaby from Norfolk (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned F Keith Aucoin to Hershey (AHL).
COLLEGE
ECAC—Voted Geneva, Lyndon State, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Penn State-Abington, Salem International and Virginia Commonwealth into membership for the 2009-10 academic year.
CHEYNEY—Named Marc Harrison women's cross country and track and field coach, and James Williams men's cross country and track and field coach.
FELICIAN—Named Ivan Lewis and Brandon Smith men's assistant basketball coaches.
SAN FRANCISCO—Named Melissa Walbridge assistant volleyball coach.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS—Dismissed G Ryan Hare from the men's basketball team for violating team rules and policies.

Latest Line

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Oct 25		
Week Seven		
S. Diego	5 1/2(42)	KC
Indianapolis	13 (46)	ST. LOUIS
CINCINNATI	2 (42)	Chicago
Green Bay	7 (42)	CLEVE.
PITTSBURGH	4 1/2(45)	Minn.
a-N. England	14 1/2(45)	T. Bay
HOUSTON	3 (44)	San Fran
NY Jets	6 1/2(35)	OAKLAND
CAROLINA	6 1/2 (38)	Buffalo
New Orleans	6 (47)	MIAMI
DALLAS	4 (47)	Atlanta
NY GIANTS	7 (46)	Arizona
Monday, Oct 26		
Philadelphia	7 (38)	WASH.

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HOW TO PLAY
Select a winner from each of the week's games listed below

SPORTS

Chargers get Royal beating

Bronco returns two kicks for TDs in 34-23 victory.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Eddie Royal thinks one San Diego Chargers player got a hand on him during his 93-yard kickoff return in the first quarter Monday night.

He knows no one touched him on his 71-yard punt return in the second quarter.

That's how much of a blur he was in sparking the undefeated Denver Broncos to a dominating 34-23 win over the Chargers.

"Man, it was a great feeling. The guys did a great job of blocking," he said of the second return. "I've got to give them a lot of credit. They opened up the seams and it was a home run."

Royal became the first player in Broncos history to return a kickoff and a punt for touchdowns in the same game, and the 11th player in NFL history to perform the feat.

Darren Sproles, one of the other players to have a kickoff and punt return for touchdowns in a game, had a 77-yard punt return for a San Diego score.

The three returns for TDs tied the NFL record for a game.

Royal said the Chargers have aggressive special-teams players, and the Broncos knew they had to take them out.

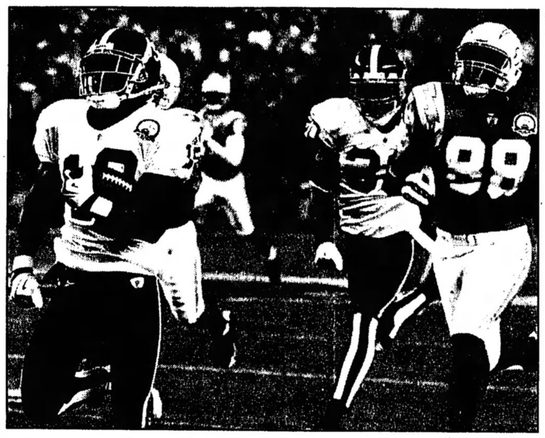
"You've got to believe it can happen before you do it," he said. "I've got a lot of faith in the guys in front of me, so I wasn't surprised."

Coach Josh McDaniels agreed.

"I think our guys did a great job of blocking and giving Eddie a chance to get started," McDaniels said.

"It doesn't matter who you are playing; you give up two big returns on a punt and a kickoff and it makes it tough," Chargers coach Norv Turner said.

This is the fifth time the Broncos have been 6-0, the first since going 13-0 in 1998 en route to winning their second straight Super Bowl behind John Elway. They opened a 3 1/2-game lead in the AFC West over three-time defending division champion San Diego (2-3).



Associated Press

Denver's Eddie Royal, left, outruns San Diego's Kris Wilson during a 93-yard kickoff return during the first quarter Monday.

"It's going to be tough," Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers said. "We have to get over this one quick or we'll find ourselves in trouble in Kansas City because it's a short week."

Denver outside linebacker Elvis Dumervil had two sacks to extend his NFL lead to 10. His second sack caused Rivers to fumble, with Vonnie Holliday recovering to set up Matt Prater's 29-yard field goal. The Broncos sacked Rivers five times, three in the fourth quarter.

The Broncos didn't get an offensive touchdown until Kyle Orton threw a 19-yard pass to tight end Tony Scheffler late in the third quarter for a 24-23 lead. Denver added a field goal by Prater and a late 5-yard touchdown catch by Brandon Stokley that was upheld on review.

"It's tough to lose when you score twice on special teams," Orton said.

After the Chargers were forced to settle for a field goal following a sensational drive late in the first quarter, Royal took the kickoff at the 7, found a big hole at about the 35, cut inside of kicker Nate Kaeding at the 50 and raced down the left sideline to give the Broncos a 7-3 lead.

In the second quarter, Royal fielded Mike Scifres' punt on the bounce at the 29, worked his way inside, then outraced the coverage to the outside to give Denver a 17-10 lead.

Royal's electrifying returns at first silenced Qualcomm Stadium, then had Chargers fans booing.

Sproles got in on the action when he returned a punt 77 yards for a touchdown for a 20-17 lead that held up at halftime. Sproles caught Brett Kern's punt, ran up the left sideline, got a nice block at about the 50, cut inside and was gone.

On Nov. 11, 2007, Sproles returned a punt and a kickoff for touchdowns in a 23-21 win against Indianapolis.

The Chargers ran 22 plays to only six for the Broncos in the first quarter, in what seemed more like fast-break basketball than football.

Rivers, in fact, was about to be dragged down by Dumervil when he threw a two-handed chest pass to LaDainian Tomlinson for a 21-yard gain on San Diego's second drive.

It was one of four passes by Rivers for at least 13 yards on the drive, which started at the San Diego 6-yard line.

The drive stalled, though, leading to some sideline drama involving Tomlinson.

Tomlinson wasn't on the field on third-and-goal from the 2, when Sproles was stuffed for no gain. Coach Norv Turner had a chagrined look on his face as the Chargers had to settle for Kaeding's 20-yard field goal.

Vikings unbeaten, but still imperfect

Injuries, defensive letdown concerns in Minnesota.

By DAVE CAMPBELL
AP Sports Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings are unbeaten, but a little beat up.

The evidence starts in the training room, with Pro Bowl cornerback Antoine Winfield's sprained right foot and wide receiver Percy Harvin's aggravated left shoulder injury.

The clues continue in Monday's video review, when players watched their second-half struggles in a narrow victory over the Baltimore Ravens.

"There's a bunch of things that we'll clean up," coach Brad Childress said. "It's pretty widespread, but our guys are prideful enough where they'll come back and use that as a pretty good force."

The Ravens, despite their 3-3 record, might be the toughest of six teams Minnesota has faced. The Vikings, though, squandered two large leads: 27-10 midway through the third quarter and 30-17 with 6 minutes remaining in the game.

After falling behind by a point, they went back in front 33-31 and held on while Baltimore's Steven Hauschka missed a 44-yard field goal at the end.

"You get disgusted if you lose that game," defensive end Jared Allen said. "Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good, right? Again, you look at that fourth quarter and you're like, 'There's no way that this is the same team that was playing the first three quarters.' I think we got a little wakeup call right there, you know? That team was never down and out, so you've got to keep playing."

Humbling, for sure.

"It wasn't a meltdown because we didn't lose, but it was pretty close," Allen said.

Brett Favre and Adrian Peterson were about as good as they could be, but three separate second-half possessions inside the 20 yielded only field goals — a combination of conservative play calls and a stingy Ravens defense.

The most glaring weakness revealed by Baltimore, though, was tackling down the stretch. Joe Flacco passed for 196 yards in the fourth quarter alone, much on throws underneath the coverage. The worst play was a short pass by Flacco to running back Ray Rice, who sliced through the secondary for 63 yards to set up a touchdown that cut the lead to 30-24.

"Things started to fall apart, with the missed tackles and the calls coming in late," cornerback Karl Paymah said. "It was a combination of mistakes, left and right."

The Ravens effectively used a hurry-up offense, and Winfield's absence loomed large. For all the solid veteran players the Vikings have on defense and all the pressure they apply with their pass rush, they've given up a concerning amount of yards through the air in their close games.

Though right tackle Phil Loadholt returned from a one-game absence because of a sprained left ankle, the Vikings suffered injuries to some other important players. Peterson hurt his left ankle, but he came back in the game.

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Passer (FROM PAGE ONE)

no-huddle offense. Now, he's being allowed to do that consistently, with obvious success. Roethlisberger, who began this season with seven 300-yard games in five seasons, is averaging 314.5 yards.

"When I get to the no-huddle, It's just, 'Let's get in the shotgun and start slinging it around,' " Roethlisberger said. "I think if you ask the receivers, they like it. Two guys had over 100 yards (against Cleveland). Heath (Miller) had a lot of yards. The backs are getting the ball. Everybody is getting touches, so I think they like it as well."

The Steelers (4-2) are even bringing the tight end into the passing game, something they always talk about but never seem to do. Miller, mostly a blocker and part-time receiver, is second among tight ends with 34 catches and four touchdowns in three games.

Only the Colts (326 yards) are averaging more yards per game passing than Pittsburgh (296.7). At his current pace, Roethlisberger would become not only the first Steelers QB to throw for 4,000 yards in a season — Bradshaw passed for 3,724 in 1979 — but for 5,000.

"This is the best I've ever seen him (Roethlisberger) play," Miller said. "I've seen him play pretty darn good sometimes. I just think the more you do something, the more comfortable you are with it and Ben has full command of this offense. He's had full command for a few years now, but he just keeps getting better and better."

In the past, defenses slowed Roethlisberger by constantly blitzing him, and he was sacked an NFL-high 192 times from 2004-08. Only Marc Bulger (191) of St. Louis was within 20 sacks of him.

The Steelers' pass protection has been much improved this season, with Roethlisberger going down 16 times, or nine fewer than league leader Aaron Rodgers of Green Bay. Before throwing an 8-yard touchdown pass to Miller on Sunday, Roethlisberger had so much time he could have waited until after taking the snap to get the play call from the bench.

"He frustrates a lot of defenses because you bring a bunch of guys and he's able to create plays," Browns coach Eric Mangini said. "You drop a bunch of guys, you may give him too much time. He's elusive and he's strong. He's different than a lot of guys you face just by his arm strength, his elusiveness. He frustrates a lot of different guys and different defenses."

While the Steelers' running game isn't what it was when Jerome Bettis and, later, Willie Parker were piling up 1,000-yard seasons, Rashard Mendenhall has rushed for 304 yards in the last three games. And Ward, in his 12th season, leads the league in yards receiving for the first time.

"I just think we have to do what we can do," Roethlisberger said. "We're doing what we have to win the game."

On Sunday, Roethlisberger gets his first career matchup against all-time NFL passing leader Brett Favre of unbeaten Minnesota (6-0).

Penguins (FROM PAGE ONE)

"If we were 7-1 and our team thought we were playing well and our team was acting that way, I would be concerned," Bylsma said. "We know we have to get better. Some of the details we want to get in our game, we're not as sharp as we want to be. We've talked about paying attention to those details."

The power play, for example, ranks 21st. Chris Kunitz, despite playing on Crosby's line, has one goal in 37 games. Ruslan Fedotenko has scored only once. Malkin is even in plus-minus. Faceoffs can be dicey at times.

It's also a long way to March, and the Penguins were reminded last season that a good start doesn't guarantee a season will go smoothly. A year ago, they were 11-4-2 after 17 games but, by mid-February, were playing so miserably with a 27-25-5 record that former coach Michel Therrien was fired and Bylsma took over.

"It's not something where you ever really get caught looking ahead to March. You can't afford to and I don't think anybody does," Crosby said. "We're not going to start doing that now. We've had success, and that's great, but nothing's automatic and things can turn as quickly as they've been going great. We've got to keep that in mind and stay on task. It would not be a smart move for us to be looking ahead."

FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Wednesday

■ Fire Chiefs' Association of Westmoreland County meeting, Bradenville Volunteer Fire Department, 7:30 p.m.

■ Southwestern Pennsylvania Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs Association Inc. meeting, New Eagle Volunteer Fire Department, 8 p.m.

■ Harley Owners Group Donora Chapter 4264 meeting, Rostraver Grange, 7:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Valley Parish will host a spaghetti dinner 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 8 at the St. Philip Neri worship site, One Park Manor Road, Donora. For takeouts, call (724) 379-7559. Pictured, from left, are Vera Klein, Larry Diess, Camilla Ferrara and the Rev. Pierre M. Falkenhan.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates

Commander Joe Acton opened the October meeting of the Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates at the James C. Ford Post 949 American Legion, Carroll Township. Chaplain George Diehl offered prayer, which was followed by the flag pledge by James Pauley. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Mario Muccino Sr. and Joe Tokar, recently deceased Shipmates. Mike Matush rejoined the club.

Henry Venanzi's financial report and Nick Antonelli's minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Membership in the Shipmates is open to any inactive or active Navy, Coast Guard or Merchant Marine.

Flag program chairperson Jamie Caldwell and George Diehl will present the history and etiquette of the flag to fifth-graders in Republic, Donora, Monongahela, Charleroi, Gastonville and at Madonna Catholic School.

The Monongahela Veterans Council will celebrate Veterans Day Nov 11 at Chess Park, commencing at 10 a.m., in which the Shipmates will participate. The Shipmates will also participate in the Veterans Day parade in Monessen on Nov. 7.

Chairman Joe Gallo reported that the Christmas dinner will be held 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Carroll Township American Legion. Cocktail hour will be held at 6 p.m.

Monetary winner was Carl Pro.

Due to the election on Nov. 3, the next meeting of the Shipmates will be held 7 p.m. Nov. 2. Nomination of officers will take place.

Speers Civic Club

The Speers Civic Club held its first meeting of the year Sept. 28 at the Speers Borough Building.

Prior to the business meeting, Eleanor Farner introduced guest speaker for the evening, John McDonough, of Mapleview. He has been in the banking industry for 18 years. He attended W&J and then started his career at Charleroi Federal as a teller and moved into the lending division. McDonough is now with Northwest Bank. He spoke on the housing market, banking, and the state of the economy. Question and answers followed. McDonough is available for free confidential advice.

President Freda Romonosky opened the meeting with the flag salute and club collect.

Ann Rogus read the minutes from the previous meeting and took the roll. Mary Fisher gave the treasurer's report, which will be filed for audit. Tootsie Harris and Jean Celaschi presented the budget for the year and it was passed by the membership. Judy Curl read several correspondences. Eleanor Farner discussed cards and sunshine. She reported sending 10 sympathy and three get-well cards.

McDonough

Discussions were held concerning the Halloween parade, which will be held 2 p.m. Oct. 31. Participants will gather at the Speers Methodist Church. This year the club and the church are asking the participants to bring a non-perishable item that will be taken to the local food bank. Trick or Treat will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

Past President Norma Stack thanked the club for her gift.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Door prizes were won by several club members.

ODDS & ENDS

Mass. town uses goats to clear meadow

ANDOVER, Mass. (AP) — A Boston suburb has some new landscapers that will work for food — a half-dozen goats clearing and maintaining an overgrown public meadow.

Under a pilot program in Andover, Lucy McKain's dairy goats will rotate their grazing around the meadow for an all-you-can-eat buffet of grass, brush and other growth. The goats can clear as much as a half acre every three days at no cost.

The fact it's free is important to Andover officials, since money is tight and they couldn't afford the heavy equipment, fuel and labor needed to clean up the meadow. Plus, goat landscaping is environmentally friendly.

If the program is a success, Andover officials want to make more public parkland available to other grazing animals.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: E equals C

"GUJDH ZFU MRPKCL CS ECLWDCLRPU, SCD RZ RP OUZZUD ZC OUHK J GRZZGU ZFJH ZC ODUJA." - F.V. MUGGP

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "No one has ever drowned in sweat." - Lou Holtz "It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness." - Seneca

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VALLEY GRAPEVINE

VFW Post 699 plans meeting

Belle Vernon Area Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 699 will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the American Legion home, Broad Avenue, North Belle Vernon.

Air Force Association to meet Wednesday

The Joe Walker-Mon Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association will hold its monthly meeting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Eagles Landing Restaurant at the Rostraver Airport. For information, contact Jim Cain at (724) 684-3214 or Dave DuBarr at (724) 489-0408.

Marcellus Shale meeting scheduled

An informational meeting on the environmental impact of Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction will be held 7 p.m. Thursday in the meeting room at the Gander Mountain store in Crown Center Mall on West Chestnut Street in Washington. The meeting is sponsored by the League of Voters of Washington County as part of the LWV's year-long study of the benefits and costs of gas extraction from the Marcellus Shale. For information, visit the LWV state Web site at www.palwv.org and click on the Marcellus Shale graphic.

Open house set at Penn State-Fayette

An open house for prospective students is scheduled noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at Penn State-Fayette, the Eberly Campus, Uniontown, in the Community Center. The event is designed to allow participants to explore the academic offerings of seven baccalaureate degrees, 10 associate degrees or the first two years of study of more than 160 majors at the Fayette campus. Other activities include tours of the campus, workshops and applying for financial aid and a look at the student life and student activities. Those who apply for admission that day will have the $50 application fee waived and receive a free T-shirt. Students planning to apply should bring their official transcripts. To register for the open house, call (724) 430-4130 or visit the Web site at www.fayette.psu.edu.

Pancake breakfast set in Belle Vernon

The youth group of the Covenant Christian Church, First and Main St., Belle Vernon, is sponsoring a pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Breakfast will comprise pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, milk or juice and coffee. Tickets will be sold for the event and walk-ins are welcome.

Carpatho-Rusyn celebration set

St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main St., Uniontown, will hold its 28th annual Carpatho-Rusyn celebration noon to 7 p.m. Sunday. Ethnic foods, baked goods, crafts, dancers, folk displays, raffles, music demonstrations, speakers, children's activities and family events, featuring Slavjane Folk Ensemble and the Ruskyj Muzianki will be featured. The "Carpathian Cookery" cookbook, now in its 12th printing, will again be available for sale. There is no admission charge. For information, call (724) 438-6027.

Halloween dance set in Monessen

ARC Mon Valley will have a Halloween dance 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, Monessen.

Pancake breakfast scheduled in Yukon

Belle Vernon Knights of Columbus Council 3026 will host a pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at Rogers Hall of Seven Dolors Church, Yukon.

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James W. Haines, Jr.
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Zaperich, Michael
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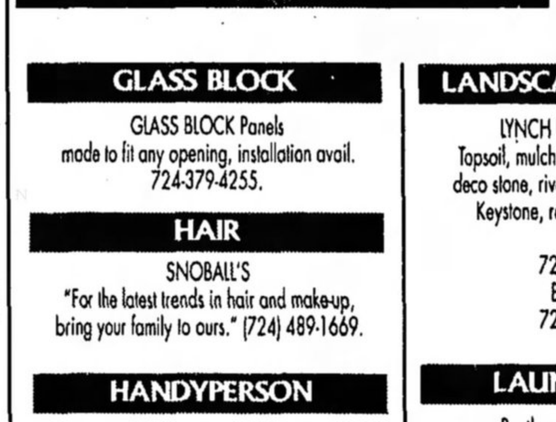

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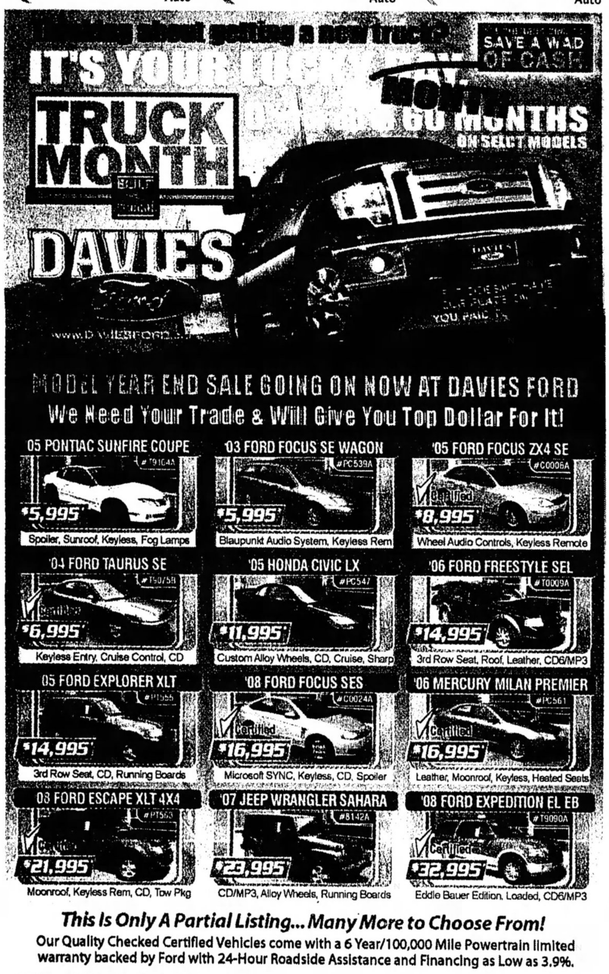
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LIBRA
September 23 through October 23

If things have developed slowly in the past, don't be discouraged because you'll be on a new, winning track in the year ahead. Set your sights high, and get your engines up and roaring.

LIBRA (**Sept. 23-Oct. 23**) -- This is the day when you should make some headway with regard to a new social circle you've been hoping to crack. Someone in the group is likely to be your entree.

SCORPIO (**Oct. 24-Nov. 22**) -- Unselfishness is a mantle anyone can wear with great pride. You're likely to cloak yourself with this garment, earning the respect and esteem of your peers.

SAGITTARIUS (**Nov. 23-Dec. 21**) -- Both ambition and optimism are the compatible components of your psychological attitude. With these dynamic factors at work, success is inevitable.

CAPRICORN (**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**) -- Someone you've helped in the past has found a way to do more for you than you did for him or her. This person has never forgotten your kindness and generosity.

AQUARIUS (**Jan. 20-Feb. 19**) -- Under no circumstances should you dilute hope with pessimism because it will limit your possibilities. Dreams can become realities when focusing on positive conclusions.

PISCES (**Feb. 20-March 20**) -- Even if an important objective has a large price tag, the rewards will outweigh the inconveniences and costs. You'll be right.

ARIES (**March 21-April 19**) -- If you can, work out arrangements with those people in key positions to help advance some important plans. What you develop now will be successful.

TAURUS (**April 20-May 20**) -- Although the old saying "Everything happens for the best" might sound naive, it will apply perfectly to you -- especially with regard to material involvements.

GEMINI (**May 21-June 20**) -- Strive to negotiate from the mutual strengths of both partners when discussing important arrangements. Concessions should be totally unnecessary.

CANCER (**June 21-July 22**) -- What might appear to be an obligation to others will actually provide many hidden opportunities; performing your duty will be a joyful experience, not a dreaded one.

LEO (**July 23-Aug. 22**) -- You will handle a formerly unmanageable, tricky situation with efficacy because of today's happy developments. Take advantage of all the lucky breaks that come your way.

VIRGO (**Aug. 23-Sept. 22**) -- Don't hesitate to dedicate yourself to a job others consider a problem situation. The harder you work, the luckier you will become -- with much promise of reward when all is completed.

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